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Applicants hereby amend and restate their application/declaration (Application) as follows:

On July 1, 2005, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued its Order Authorizing Merger under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act, 112 FERC ¶ 61, 011 (the FERC Merger Order), in Docket ECO5-43-000. Among other things, the authorizations granted in the FERC Merger Order included FERC acceptance of a mitigation plan (the Mitigation Plan) involving very substantial divestiture of generation encompassing 6,600 MW of capacity.

On Monday, August 8, 2005, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (H.R. 6, 109th Cong.) was signed by the President and became law, Pub.L. 109-58. Title XII of the Energy Policy Act is the Electricity Modernization Act of 2005 (the

Modernization Act). Subtitle F of the Modernization Act, the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005 (PUHCA 2005) repeals the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 (the Act), effective six months after the date of enactment (the Effective Date). As explained more fully herein, Applicants are asking the Commission to issue an order granting the requested authority on or before December 15, 2005. Applicants remain hopeful that they will be able reach settlements in their various regulatory proceedings so as to permit a closing by year-end and enable investors and consumers to realize the benefits associated with the proposed transaction.

Even if Applicants are unable to close the transaction before the Effective Date, an order approving Applicant s plan pursuant to Section

11(e) of the Act is nonetheless critical to establish a basis for relief under Section 1081 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) in connection with the Generation Divestiture described herein. *See* section 1271(c) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which expressly provides that: Tax treatment under section 1081 of the [Code] as a result of transactions ordered in compliance with the [Act] shall not be affected in any manner due to the repeal of that Act and the enactment of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005.²

Item 1. Description of Proposed Transaction

A. Introduction.

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Applicants are seeking approval pursuant to Sections 6(a), 7, 8, 9, 10, 11(b)(1), 11(e), 12, 13, 32 and 33 of the Act and the rules thereunder to engage in various transactions related to the merger of Exelon

- On August 29, 2005, the FERC issued its Order Granting Rehearing For Further Consideration in respect of the FERC Merger Order. The rehearing remains pending.
- ² Consistent with the precedent, the Commission could issue its order subject to and expressly conditioned upon receipt of all necessary state approvals.

Section 10(f) of the Act states that the Commission shall not approve a section 10 application unless it appears to the satisfaction of the Commission that such State laws as may apply in respect of such application have been complied with, except where the Commission finds that compliance with such State laws would be detrimental to the carrying out of the provisions of section 11 . Pursuant to Rule 24(c)(2), when an issue under state law is raised, the Commission may approve the subject transaction under sections 10 and 11 of the Act, subject to compliance with state law. See, e.g., Central and Southwest Corp., Holding Company Act Rel. No. 22635 (September 16, 1982) (If an

issue under State law is raised, we may approve the transaction under section 10, subject to compliance with state law. This is the effect of rule 24(c)(2)promulgated under the Act). Accord Entergy Corporation, Holding Co. Act Release No. 25952 (Dec. 17, 1993) (Commission approval conditioned upon issuance of final state order). The Commission can, therefore, issue the requested order on the Application subject to the terms and conditions prescribed in Rule 24 under the Act. specifically those under Rule 24(c)(2)(Every order ... shall, unless otherwise expressly ordered, be subject to the following conditions: . . . (2) . . . That if the transaction is proposed to

be carried out in whole or in part pursuant to the express authorization of any State commission, such transaction shall be carried out in accordance with such authorization, and if the same be modified, revoked or otherwise terminated, the effectiveness of the declaration or order granting the application shall be, without further order or the taking of any action by the Commission, revoked and terminated.)

Corporation (Exelon) and Public Service Enterprise Group Incorporated (PSEG), as described more fully herein. On December 20, 2004, Exelon and PSEG, an electric and gas utility holding company that claims exemption from

registration pursuant to Rule 2 under Section 3(a)(1) of the Act, entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the

Merger Agreement⁴ Pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement, PSEG will merge into Exelon (the Merger), thereby ending the separate corporate existence of PSEG. Each PSEG shareholder will be entitled to receive 1.225 shares of Exelon common stock for each PSEG share held and cash in lieu of any fraction of an Exelon share that a PSEG shareholder would have otherwise been entitled to receive. Exelon common stock will be unaffected by the Merger, with each issued and outstanding share remaining outstanding following the Merger as a share in the surviving company. Upon completion of the Merger, Exelon will change its name to Exelon Electric & Gas Corporation.⁵

As the surviving company in the Merger, Exelon will remain the ultimate corporate parent of PECO Energy Company (PECO) and Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd) and the other Exelon subsidiaries and become the ultimate corporate parent of Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G), a public utility company under the Act, and the other PSEG subsidiaries.

Exelon will continue to be a registered public utility holding company under the Act until the Effective Date, and ComEd, PECO and PSE&G will continue to be operating franchised utility companies. Exelon will remain headquartered in Chicago but will also have energy trading and nuclear headquarters in southeastern Pennsylvania and generation headquarters in Newark, New Jersey. PSE&G will remain headquartered in Newark. PECO will remain headquartered in Philadelphia and ComEd will remain headquartered in Chicago.

The Merger is subject to a number of usual and customary conditions precedent, including receipt by the parties of required state and federal regulatory approvals and filing of pre-merger notification statements under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended (HSR Act), and the expiration or termination of the statutory waiting period thereunder. (See Item 4 - Regulatory Approvals.) The boards of directors of Exelon and PSEG have approved the proposed Merger, and the shareholders of Exelon have approved the issuance of shares of common stock by Exelon required by the Merger Agreement and the shareholders of PSEG have approved the Merger.

In addition to the changes resulting from the Merger Agreement, the Applicants intend to revise their corporate structure (the Exelon Generation Restructuring). Although their plans are not yet completely finalized, the Applicants currently propose to implement the following changes, subject to approval, as required, by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission). After obtaining necessary approvals and third party consents, PSEG Power LLC (PSEG Power) and its direct subsidiaries PSEG Nuclear LLC (PSEG Nuclear), PSEG Fossil LLC (PSEG Fossil) and PSEG Energy Resources & Trade LLC (PSEG ER&T) will all cease to exist as separate entities and will become part of Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Exelon Generation). The business functions of each of these former PSEG entities will become a part of the respective Exelon Generation business unit. It is anticipated that the subsidiaries owned by these PSEG entities will be retained as direct subsidiaries of Exelon Generation.

The Applicants are Exelon and its Subsidiaries listed on the Signature Page hereto, and PSEG and its Subsidiaries listed on the Signature Page hereto, and such other direct and indirect

subsidiary companies that Exelon may hereinafter form or acquire in accordance with a Commission order or otherwise in accordance with the Act or a rule promulgated thereunder.

4 A copy of the Merger Agreement was filed with the Commission by Exelon with a Current Report on Form 8-K on December 21, 2004. The Merger Agreement is incorporated herein by reference. The description of the Merger Agreement herein is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Merger Agreement.

⁵ As appropriate in the context, the term Exelon refers variously to Exelon Corporation pre-Merger and to Exelon Electric & Gas Corporation post-Merger.

Also in connection with the Merger, PSE&G will become a direct subsidiary of Exelon Energy Delivery Company, LLC (Delivery⁶ The current subsidiaries of PSE&G will remain intact. PSEG Energy Holdings L.L.C. (PSEG Holdings) will become a subsidiary of Exelon, as the successor to PSEG. The current subsidiaries of PSEG Holdings will remain intact. PSEG Services Corporation (PSEG Services) will sell all of its assets to Exelon Business Services Company (Exelon BSC), change its name, and remain as a non-energy subsidiary. Exelon BSC will be the sole service company of Exelon.

A summary diagram depicting Exelon s proposed post-Merger corporate structure is filed herewith as Exhibit G-1. Diagrams depicting the existing corporate structure of the Exelon system as well as the PSEG system are filed herewith as Exhibits G-2 and G-3, respectively.

Applicants Mitigation Plan was approved in the FERC Merger Order based on, among other things, a proposed Mitigation Plan to mitigate any generation market concentration concerns resulting from the Merger. One of the most significant aspect of the Mitigation Plan is the divestiture by sale of 4000 MW of generation capacity.⁷ The sale will occur within twelve (12) months following close of the Merger. Approval of the Commission is requested for the disposition of this generating capacity because, as a result of the Exelon Generation Restructuring, the subject generation capacity would be owned by Exelon Generation, a public utility company under the Act. The disposition of generation capacity owned by Exelon Generation, as finally approved by FERC pursuant to post-Merger compliance filings required to be made by Exelon under the FERC Merger Order (the Post-Merger FERC Compliance Filings), is referred to as the Generation Divestiture.

In connection with consummation of the Generation Divestiture, subsequent to the Exelon Generation Restructuring, the Applicants will make further revisions to their corporate structure (the Divestiture Generation Restructurings) in respect of the particular electric generating units, or interests therein, being sold. The Post-Merger FERC Compliance Filings will address the particular facts of the Divestiture Generating Restructurings. The Divestiture Generation Restructurings are described below at Item 1.H.4 below. The Exelon Generation Restructuring, the Divestiture Generation Restructuring and the Generation Divestiture are collectively called the Generation Transactions .

In addition to authorization of the Merger, the Exelon Generation Restructuring, the Divestiture Generation Restructuring, and the Generation Divestiture, Applicants are requesting certain related approvals, including:

- 1. Authorizations related to service company and other affiliate transactions.
- 2. Issuance by Exelon of common stock in connection with the Merger and employee and director compensation plans as described below.
- 3. Authorization to the extent required of the consolidation (or replacement in lieu of consolidation) of existing indebtedness and obligations of PSEG and its subsidiaries as obligations of Exelon or its subsidiaries as a result of the Merger.
- 4. Necessary modifications to Exelon s existing omnibus financing authority granted by order of April 1, 2004 in Holding Company Act Release No. 27830 (the 2004 Financing Order).
- ⁶ This will be accomplished through a contribution of the common stock of PSE&G held by Exelon contemporaneously with the Merger to Delivery or other

appropriate corporate transaction.

As explained more fully herein, on July 1, 2005, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) accepted a Mitigation Plan including the Generation Divestiture.

5. Approval of a Section 11(e) plan in respect of the Generation Transactions and related approvals as necessary or appropriate in respect of the tax treatment afforded by Section 1081 of the Code.

Applicants request that the Commission issue a final order granting the requested authority without an evidentiary hearing, as expeditiously as feasible, but no later than December 15, 2005.

B. Description of Exelon and Its Subsidiaries

1. Exelon, Generally

Exelon was incorporated in Pennsylvania in February 1999. On October 20, 2000, Exelon became the ultimate parent corporation for PECO and ComEd, and registered pursuant to Section 5 of the Act.

Exelon, through its subsidiaries, operates in two business segments Delivery and Generation as described below. In addition to Exelon s two business segments, Exelon BSC, a subsidiary of Exelon, provides Exelon and its subsidiaries with financial, human resources, legal, information technology, supply management and corporate governance services, as well as direction and management of shared functions for Delivery. Exelon sold or wound down substantially all components of Exelon Enterprises Company, LLC (Enterprises) in 2004 and 2003. As a result, as of January 1, 2005, Enterprises is no longer reported as a segment.

<u>Delivery</u>. Exelon s energy delivery business consists of the purchase and sale of electricity and distribution and transmission services by ComEd in northern Illinois and by PECO in southeastern Pennsylvania and the purchase and sale of natural gas and distribution services by PECO in the Pennsylvania counties surrounding the City of Philadelphia.

<u>Generation</u>. Exelon s generation business consists of the owned and contracted for electric generating facilities and energy marketing operations of Exelon Generation, a 49.5% interest in two power stations in Mexico, and the competitive retail sales business of Exelon Energy Company.

2. The Exelon Utility Subsidiaries

Exelon indirectly owns all of the issued and outstanding membership interests of Exelon Generation, all the issued and outstanding common stock of PECO and substantially all of the issued and outstanding common stock of ComEd,⁸ and ComEd owns all the issued and outstanding common stock of Commonwealth Edison Company of Indiana, Inc. (the Indiana Company) (together, the Exelon Utility Subsidiaries).

PECO is engaged principally in the purchase, transmission, distribution and sale of electricity to residential, commercial and industrial customers in southeastern Pennsylvania and in the purchase, distribution and sale of natural gas to residential, commercial and industrial customers in the Pennsylvania counties surrounding the City of Philadelphia. PECO is subject to extensive regulation by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PAPUC) as to electric and gas rates, the issuances of certain securities and certain other aspects of PECO is operations. PECO is also subject to regulation by FERC as to transmission rates, gas pipelines and certain other aspects of its business.

In connection with the conversion of warrants and convertible preferred stock that were outstanding prior to the 2000 merger of Unicom Corporation with PECO Energy Corp., a small number of shares of

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common stock of ComEd (about 0.1% of the total outstanding) are not owned by Exelon but are held by third parties. See Exelon Corporation, Holding Co. Act Release No. 27256, note 4 (Oct. 19, 2000) (the 2000 Merger Order).

PECO s retail service territory covers approximately 2,100 square miles in southeastern Pennsylvania. PECO provides electric delivery service in an area of approximately 2,000 square miles, with a population of approximately 3.8 million, including 1.5 million in the City of Philadelphia. Natural gas service is supplied in an approximately 1,900 square mile area in southeastern Pennsylvania adjacent to Philadelphia, with a population of approximately 2.3 million. PECO delivers electricity to approximately 1.5 million customers and natural gas to approximately 460,000 customers.

ComEd is engaged principally in the purchase, transmission, distribution and sale of electricity to a diverse base of residential, commercial, industrial and wholesale customers in northern Illinois. ComEd is subject to extensive regulation by the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) as to rates, the issuance of certain securities, and certain other aspects of ComEd s operations. ComEd is also subject to regulation by the FERC as to transmission rates and certain other aspects of its business.

ComEd s retail service territory has an area of approximately 11,300 square miles and an estimated population of eight million. The service territory includes the City of Chicago, an area of about 225 square miles with an estimated population of three million. ComEd has approximately 3.7 million customers.

Electric utility restructuring legislation was adopted in Pennsylvania in December 1996 and in Illinois in December 1997. Both Illinois and Pennsylvania permit competition by alternative generation suppliers for retail generation supply while transmission and distribution service remains fully regulated. Both states, through their regulatory agencies, established a phased approach for allowing customers to choose an alternative electric generation supplier, required rate reductions and imposed caps on rates during a transition period, and allowed the collection of competitive transition charges from customers to recover costs that might not otherwise be recovered in a competitive market.

Effective as of January 1, 2001, Exelon effected a restructuring that involved the transfer of the electric generating assets of ComEd and PECO to Exelon Generation, a Pennsylvania limited liability company and a public utility company engaged in the generation, sale and purchase of electricity in Pennsylvania, Illinois and elsewhere and also engaged in the trading of other energy and energy-related commodities and development and ownership of exempt wholesale generators (EWGs).

PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (PJM) is the independent system operator and the FERC-approved Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) for the Mid-Atlantic and a portion of the Midwest. PJM is the transmission provider under, and the administrator of, the PJM Open Access Transmission Tariff, operates the PJM Interchange Energy Market and Capacity Credit Markets, and conducts the day-to-day operations of the bulk power system of the PJM region. ComEd s and PECO s transmission systems are currently under the control of PJM and, by order dated October 28, 2004 (Holding Co. Act Release No. 27904) (the PJM Order), the Commission found that the electric utility properties of the Exelon system satisfy the interconnection requirement of Section 2(a)(29)(A) of the Act by reason of PJM s operational control of the transmission assets of ComEd and PECØ.

Each of ComEd and PECO is a public utility company within the meaning of the Act. ComEd is also a holding company exempt from registration pursuant to Section 3(a)(1) of the Act, by reason of its ownership of the Indiana Company, which is a fourth public utility company subsidiary, with no retail operations. Delivery is an intermediate registered holding company and a first-tier subsidiary of Exelon. Delivery owns all of the issued and outstanding common stock of PECO and substantially all of the issued and outstanding common stock of ComEd. *See* Note 7.

In the 2000 Merger Order approving the formation of Exelon, the Commission had found that the electric utility operations of

Exelon constituted a single, integrated electric utility system, and that the gas utility operations of Exelon constituted a single, integrated gas utility system that was a permissible additional system under the standards of Section 2(a)(11)of the Act. The findings of the 2000 Merger Order were based in part on a certain 100 MW firm west-to-east transmission contract path (the Contract Path). The PJM Order found that PJM s operational control of the transmission assets of ComEd and PECO obviated the need for the Contract Path.

Exelon Generation is also an electric utility company within the meaning of the Act. Exelon Generation is a wholly owned subsidiary of Exelon Ventures Company, LLC (Ventures), which is an intermediate registered holding company and a first tier subsidiary of Exelon. Ventures and Delivery are referred to herein as the Other Registered Holding Companies. None of the Other Registered Holding Companies has securities outstanding in the hands of the public.

3. Direct Non-Utility Subsidiaries of Exelon

Exelon has direct wholly owned non-utility subsidiaries (in addition to its direct, wholly owned registered holding company subsidiaries, Ventures and Delivery), as follows:

Exelon BSC, a service company, provides administrative, management and technical services to Exelon and its associate companies;

Exelon Investment Holdings, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company, is a holding company for tax-advantaged housing transactions;

UII, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company, is engaged in a like-kind exchange transaction pursuant to which a portion of the proceeds from the sale of ComEd s fossil generating stations was invested in passive generating station leases with entities unrelated to Exelon. The generating stations were leased back to such entities as part of the transaction.¹⁰

Exelon has the following additional direct subsidiaries: Unicom Assurance Company, Ltd., an inactive captive insurance company, Exelon Capital Trust I, an inactive finance company, Exelon Capital Trust II, an inactive finance company and Exelon Capital Trust III, an inactive finance company.

4. Capitalization of Exelon

The total authorized shares of capital stock of Exelon consist of (i) 1,200,000,000 shares of common stock, no par value and (ii) 100,000,000 shares of preferred stock, no par value.¹¹ At the close of business on December 31, 2004, 664,187,996 shares of Exelon common stock were outstanding, and no shares of Exelon preferred stock were issued and outstanding. In addition, at that date (i) 2,499,865 shares of common stock were held by Exelon in its treasury, (ii) 25,205,285 shares of common stock were reserved for issuance pursuant to outstanding options to purchase common stock granted under Exelon s Long-Term Incentive Plan, Exelon s Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended, and Exelon s 1998 Stock Option Plan (together with Exelon s Directors Stock Unit Plan, the Exelon Stock Incentive Plans), (iii) 14,777,078 shares of common stock were reserved for the grant of additional awards under the Exelon Stock Incentive Plans, (iv) 7,000,000 shares of common stock were reserved for issuance pursuant to the Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan, (v) 624,495 shares of common stock were reserved for issuance pursuant to outstanding performance shares, (vi) 216,000 shares of common stock were reserved for issuance pursuant to outstanding units under Exelon s Directors Stock Unit Plan, (vii) 5,357,745 shares of common stock were reserved for issuance under Exelon s Employee Stock Purchase Plan, (viii) 1,060,053 shares of common stock were reserved for issuance pursuant to outstanding restricted shares (shares of common stock subject to forfeiture) and (ix) 1,336,516 shares of common stock were reserved for issuance pursuant to outstanding deferred shares (shares of common stock the issuance of which has been deferred pursuant to Exelon s Deferred Compensation Plan).

Unicom Investment, Inc., an Illinois corporation, was reorganized as an Illinois limited liability company, UII, LLC on November 10, 2004.

By order dated 11 July 12, 2005 (HCAR No. 28000) the Commission authorized Exelon to amend its Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation to increase its authorized common stock to 2,000,000,000 shares.

As of December 31, 2004, Exelon s capitalization on a consolidated basis was as follows: EXELON CORPORATION CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL STRUCTURE (Dollars in Millions)

As of December 31, 2004

Consolidated Capitalization

	Amount	Capital Structure Percentage
Common Equity (includes Retained Earnings of \$3,353)	\$ 9,423	40.79%
Minority Interest	42	0.18%
Preferred and Preference Stock	632	2.74%
Securitization Obligations	4,797	20.76%
Long-Term Debt Current Maturities of Long-Term Debt	7,292 427	31.56% 1.85%
Total Long-Term Debt	7,719	33.41%
Short-Term Debt	490	2.12%
Total Capital Structure	\$ 23,103	100.00%

Additional information regarding Exelon and its subsidiary companies is set forth in the following documents, each of which has been previously filed with the Commission and is incorporated herein by reference:

(i) Annual Report on Form 10-K of Exelon (Commission File No. 1-16169), ComEd (Commission File No. 1-1839), PECO (Commission File No. 1-1401) and Exelon Generation (Commission File Number No. 333-85496) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004, filed with the Commission on February 23, 2005;

(ii) Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Exelon (Commission File No. 1-16169), ComEd (Commission File No. 1-1839), PECO (Commission File No. 1-1401) and Exelon Generation (Commission File Number No.

333-85496) for the quarters ending March 31, 2005 and June 30, 2005;

(iii) The following Current Reports on Form 8-K of Exelon (Commission File No. 1-16169):

Description	Filing Date
Current report, item 8.01 Current report, item 7.01 Current report, item 8.01 Current report, item 8.01 Current report, item 8.01 Current report, item 8.01 Current report, item 7.01 and 9.01 Current report, item 2.02, 7.01, and 9.01	9/14/05 9/07/05 9/06/05 8/31/05 8/31/05 8/15/05 8/05/05 7/21/05
Current report, item 8.01 and 9.01	7/12/05

Description	Filing Date
Current report, item 8.01 and 9.01	6/30/05
[Amend] Current report, item 5.02	6/30/05
Current report, item 7.01	6/28/05
Current report, item 2.03 and 9.01	6/10/05
Current report, item 1.01 and 9.01	6/07/05
Current report, item 7.01	5/18/05
Current report, item 8.01 and 9.01	5/13/05
Current report, item 8.01 and 9.01	5/10/05
Current report, item 7.01	5/09/05
Current report, item 5.02	4/27/05
Current report, item 2.02, 7.01, and	4/25/05
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Current report, item 7.01	4/14/05
Current report, item 8.01	4/06/05
Current report, item 1.01 and 2.03	4/05/05
Current report, item 7.01	3/31/05
Current report, item 2.03	3/30/05
Current report, item 7.01	3/29/05
Current report, items 1.01 and 2.03	3/08/05
Current report, item 8.01	3/07/05
Current report, item 5.02	2/25/05

(iv) Annual Report on Form U5S for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004, filed with the Commission on April 29, 2005; and

(v) Definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus, filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) on June 3, 2005 (File No. 333-122074).

C. Description of PSEG and Its Subsidiaries.

1. PSEG, Generally.

PSEG was incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey in 1985 and is an exempt public utility holding company. PSEG, through its subsidiaries, operates in three business segments Delivery, Generation and Enterprises, as described below. In addition to PSEG s three business segments, PSEG Services, a subsidiary of PSEG, provides PSEG and its subsidiaries with financial, human resources, legal, information technology, supply management and corporate governance services.

<u>Delivery</u> PSEG s domestic energy delivery business consists of the transmission and distribution of electric energy and gas in New Jersey through PSE&G.

<u>Generation</u> PSEG s generation businesses consist of the owned and contracted for electric generation facilities and energy marketing operations of the PSEG Power subsidiaries and the PSEG Global L.L.C. (PSEG Global) subsidiaries. PSEG Power has three principal direct wholly owned subsidiaries: PSEG Nuclear, PSEG Fossil and PSEG ER&T. The PSEG Power generation portfolio consists of approximately 14,607 MW of generation in the Northeast and Midwest. PSEG Global has equity ownership interests in approximately 2,404 MW of generation in North America. All the generation assets in the PSEG system are held by PSEG subsidiaries with EWG or foreign utility company (FUCO) status under the Act or qualifying facility (QF) status under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, as amended (PURPA).

<u>Enterprises</u> PSEG s enterprise businesses consist primarily of (1) investments in energy-related financial transactions, leveraged leases, operating leases, leveraged buyout funds, marketable securities and a demand-side management business and (2) investments in international generation and delivery businesses qualified as EWGs and foreign utility companies through PSEG Resources L.L.C. (PSEG Resources) and through PSEG Global.

2. The PSEG Utility Subsidiary.

PSE&G is a public utility company within the meaning of the Act and is the only utility subsidiary of PSEG. PSEG directly owns all of the issued and outstanding common stock of PSE&G.

PSE&G is an electric and gas utility company engaged principally in the transmission and distribution of electric energy and gas in New Jersey. PSE&G is subject to extensive regulation by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) as to electric and gas rates, the issuance of securities and certain other aspects of PSE&G s operations. PSE&G is also subject to regulation by the FERC as to electric transmission rates and certain other aspects of its business.

PSE&G s retail service territory covers a corridor of approximately 2,600 square miles running diagonally across New Jersey from Bergen County in the northeast to an area below the city of Camden in the southwest with a population of approximately 5.5 million. PSE&G provides service to approximately 2.0 million electric customers and approximately 1.6 million gas customers.

PSE&G does not own or operate any electric generation facilities. PSE&G, pursuant to an order of the NJBPU issued under the provisions of the New Jersey Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act (EDECA), transferred all of its electric generation facilities, plant, equipment and wholesale power trading contracts to its affiliate PSEG ER&T in August 2000. Also, pursuant to an NJBPU order, PSE&G transferred its gas supply business, including its inventories and supply contracts, to PSEG ER&T in May 2002. PSE&G continues to own and operate its electric transmission and electric and gas distribution business. PSE&G has transferred functional control over its electric transmission facilities to PJM.

All electric and gas customers in New Jersey have the ability to choose an electric energy and/or gas supplier. For those retail electric customers located in New Jersey who do not choose a competitive electric supplier, New Jersey s Electric Distribution Companies (EDCs), including PSE&G, provide basic generation service (BGS) or provider of last resort service (POLR). The EDCs satisfy their BGS obligations through a competitive state-wide annual auction. PSE&G s affiliate PSEG ER&T, has historically been a successful participant in these auctions and serves several EDCs including PSE&G.

For those retail gas customers located in New Jersey who do not choose a competitive natural gas supplier, New Jersey s gas distribution companies, including PSE&G, provide basic gas supply service (BGSS) or POLR. PSE&G has entered into a full requirements contract through 2007 with PSEG ER&T to meet the supply requirements of PSE&G s gas customers!² PSEG ER&T charges PSE&G for the gas commodity costs, which PSE&G recovers from its customers. Any difference between rates charged by PSEG ER&T under the BGSS contract and rates charged to PSE&G s customers are deferred and collected or refunded through future adjustments in retail rates.

PSE&G s natural gas facilities consist entirely of local gas distribution facilities in the State of New Jersey and neither PSE&G nor any other PSEG company owns any interstate natural gas facilities subject to the Natural Gas Act.

3. Direct Non-Utility Subsidiaries of PSEG.

PSEG has three direct wholly owned non-utility subsidiaries, PSEG Power, PSEG Holdings and PSEG Services:

PSEG Power PSEG Power has three principal direct wholly owned subsidiaries: PSEG Nuclear, which owns and operates nuclear generating stations; PSEG Fossil, which develops, owns and operates domestic fossil generating stations and other non-nuclear generating stations; and PSEG ER&T, which

¹² The BGSS

contract continues year to year thereafter unless terminated by either party consistent with its terms.

markets the capacity and production of PSEG Fossil s and PSEG Nuclear s stations, manages the commodity price risks and market risks related to generation and markets electricity, capacity, ancillary services and natural gas products on a wholesale basis. PSEG Power also provides specialized maintenance, repair and plant engineering services on energy-related electro-mechanical equipment to its affiliates.

PSEG Nuclear is an EWG and has an ownership interest in five nuclear generating units and operates three of them: the Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1 and 2, located in New Jersey, each owned 57.41% by PSEG Nuclear and 42.59% by Exelon Generation; and the Hope Creek Nuclear Generating Station, located in New Jersey, which is 100% owned by PSEG Nuclear. Exelon Generation operates the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station Units 2 and 3, located in Pennsylvania, each of which is 50% owned by PSEG Nuclear and 50% by Exelon Generation. PSEG Nuclear is subject to regulation by the FERC as to its wholesale electric sales and certain other aspects of its business. All of PSEG Nuclear s generation assets are located in PJM. As explained below, it is contemplated that PSEG Nuclear will be merged into Exelon Generation.

PSEG Fossil is an EWG and has direct interests in twelve generating stations in New Jersey and two in Pennsylvania. PSEG Fossil, together with Jersey Central Power and Light Company, is a co-licensee of the Yards Creek Pumped Storage Project, which has a FERC hydroelectric license (Project 2309). All of PSEG Fossil s directly owned generating assets are located in PJM. PSEG Fossil has certain subsidiaries, that are also EWGs, that own generating stations in Connecticut, New York, Indiana and Ohio. PSEG Fossil is subject to regulation by the FERC as to its wholesale electric sales and certain other aspects of its business. As explained below, it is contemplated that PSEG Fossil will be merged into Exelon Generation and the subsidiaries owned by PSEG Fossil will be retained as direct subsidiaries of Exelon Generation.

PSEG ER&T conducts energy trading operations and does not own any utility assets. PSEG ER&T is subject to regulation by the FERC as to its wholesale electric sales and certain other aspects of its business. As explained below, it is contemplated that PSEG ER&T will be merged into Exelon Generation.

PSEG Holdings PSEG Holdings has two principal subsidiaries: PSEG Resources, which invests primarily in energy-related, financial transactions, and PSEG Global, which invests in international generation and delivery businesses qualified as EWGs and FUCOs and domestic generation qualified as EWGs and QFs. ¹³

PSEG Resources has investments in energy-related financial transactions and assets including leveraged leases, operating leases, leveraged buyout funds, limited partnerships and marketable securities. PSEG Resources also engages in demand side management services in New Jersey through its subsidiaries.

PSEG Global, through various subsidiaries qualified as FUCOs and EWGs, has investments in electric generation, transmission and distribution facilities in selected international markets and through various subsidiaries qualified as EWGS and QFs, has investments in electric generation in selected domestic markets. PSEG Global s domestic generation assets are located in California, Pennsylvania, Texas, New Hampshire and Hawaii.

PSEG Services is a non-utility service company. As explained below, it is contemplated that PSEG Services will sell all of its assets to Exelon BSC, change its name, and remain as a subsidiary.

Neither PSEG Holdings nor any of its subsidiaries is a public utility company for purposes of the 1935 Act. PSEG Holdings and its subsidiaries are more fully described in Exhibit G-7.

4. Capitalization of PSEG.

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE GROUP INCORPORATED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL STRUCTURE

(Dollars in Millions) As of December 31, 2004 **Consolidated Capitalization**

		Capital Structure
	Amount	Percentage
Common Equity (includes Retained Earnings of \$2,425)	\$ 5,739	29.03%
Preferred and Preference Stock	1,281	6.48%
Securitization Obligations	2,085	10.55%
Long-Term Debt	9,785	49.50%
Current Maturities of Long-Term Debt	240	1.21%
Total Long-Term Debt	10,025	50.71%
Short-Term Debt	638	3.23%
Total Capital Structure	\$ 19,768	100.00%
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Additional information regarding PSEG and its subsidiary companies is set forth in the following documents, each of which has been previously filed with the Commission and is incorporated herein by reference:

(i) Annual Report on Form 10-K of PSEG (Commission File No. 001-09120), PSE&G (Commission File No. 001-00973), PSEG Power (Commission File No. 001-49614), PSEG Holdings (Commission File No. 000-32503) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004, filed with the Commission on March 1, 2005;

(ii) Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q of PSEG (Commission File No. 001-09120), PSE&G (Commission File No. 001-00973), PSEG Power (Commission File No. 001-49614), PSEG Holdings (Commission File No. 000-32503) for the quarters ended March 31, 2005 and June 30, 2005;

(iii) The following Current Reports on Form 8-K of PSEG (Commission File No. 001-09120):

Description	Filing Date
Current report, item 8.01 Current report, item 7.01 Current report, item 8.01 Current report, item 8.01 Current report, item 8.01 Current report, item 8.01 Current report, item 7.01 and 9.01 Current report, item 2.02, 7.01, and 9.01	9/14/05 9/07/05 9/06/05 8/31/05 8/31/05 8/15/05 8/05/05 7/21/05 7/12/05
Current report, item 8.01 and 9.01 Current report, item 8.01 and 9.01	6/30/05

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[Amend] Current report, item 5.02	6/30/05
Current report, item 7.01	6/28/05

Description

Filing Date

Current report, item 2.03 and 9.01	6/10/05
Current report, item 1.01 and 9.01	6/07/05
Current report, item 7.01	5/18/05
Current report, item 8.01 and 9.01	5/13/05
Current report, item 8.01 and 9.01	5/10/05
Current report, item 7.01	5/09/05
Current report, item 5.02	4/27/05
Current report, item 2.02, 7.01, and	4/25/05
9.01	
Current report, item 7.01	4/14/05
Current report, item 8.01	4/06/05
Current report, item 1.01 and 2.03	4/05/05
Current report, item 7.01	3/31/05
Current report, item 2.03	3/30/05
Current report, item 7.01	3/29/05
Current report, items 1.01 and 2.03	3/08/05
Current report, item 7.01	9/07/05
Current report, item 8.01	9/06/05
Current report, item 8.01	8/31/05
Current report, item 8.01	8/31/05
Current report, item 8.01	8/15/05
Current report, item 7.01 and 9.01	8/05/05
Current report, item 2.02, 7.01, and	7/21/05
9.01	
Current report, item 8.01 and 9.01	7/12/05
Current report, item 8.01 and 9.01	6/30/05
[Amend] Current report, item 5.02	6/30/05
Current report, item 7.01	6/28/05
Current report, item 2.03 and 9.01	6/10/05
Current report, item 1.01 and 9.01	6/07/05
Current report, item 7.01	5/18/05
Current report, item 8.01 and 9.01	5/13/05
Current report, item 8.01 and 9.01	5/10/05
Current report, item 7.01	5/09/05
Current report, item 5.02	4/27/05
Current report, item 2.02, 7.01, and	4/25/05
9.01	
Current report, item 7.01	4/14/05
Current report, item 8.01	4/06/05
Current report, item 1.01 and 2.03	4/05/05
Current report, item 7.01	3/31/05
Current report, item 2.03	3/30/05
Current report, item 7.01	3/29/05
Current report, items 1.01 and 2.03	3/08/05
Current report, item 8.01	3/07/05
Current report, item 5.02	2/25/05
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(iv) Annual Report on Form U-3A-2 of PSEG for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004, filed with the Commission on March 1, 2005; and

(v) Definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus, filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) on June 3, 2005 (File No. 333-122074).

D. Principal Terms of the Merger Agreement

The Merger Agreement provides for a business combination whereby PSEG will be merged with and into Exelon, with Exelon surviving. At the effective time of and as a result of the Merger, (i) each outstanding share of PSEG common stock will be converted into the right to receive 1.225 shares of Exelon

common stock (the Exchange Ratio) and (ii) each share of Exelon common stock will remain outstanding. All outstanding PSEG stock options will be converted into options to purchase the number of shares of Exelon common stock determined by multiplying (a) the number of shares of PSEG common stock subject to such stock option immediately prior to the effective time by (b) the Exchange Ratio, at an exercise price per share of Exelon common stock under such stock option immediately prior to the effective per share of PSEG common stock under such stock option immediately prior to the effective time by Ratio.

Following the effective time of the Merger, the surviving corporation, which will be renamed Exelon Electric & Gas Corporation, will have an eighteen-member board of directors, which will include twelve Exelon directors and six new members nominated by PSEG. John W. Rowe, the current Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Exelon, will become the President and Chief Executive Officer of the surviving corporation. E. James Ferland, the current Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of PSEG, will become the non-executive Chairman of the Board of the surviving corporation until his retirement on March 31, 2007, at which time Mr. Rowe will become Chairman of the surviving corporation.

Exelon and PSEG have made customary representations, warranties and covenants in the Merger Agreement, including, among others, covenants (i) by PSEG not to (a) solicit proposals relating to alternative business combination transactions or (b) subject to certain exceptions, enter into discussions concerning alternative business combination transactions, (ii) by Exelon and PSEG to cause shareholder meetings to be held to consider approval of the Merger and related transactions, (iii) subject to PSEG s right to terminate the Merger Agreement to accept a superior proposal (as described in the Merger Agreement), for the board of directors of PSEG to recommend adoption and approval by PSEG s shareholders of the Merger Agreement and related transactions and (iv) for the board of directors of Exelon to recommend approval by Exelon s shareholders of the issuance of shares of Exelon contemplated by the Merger Agreement subject to Exelon s board of directors right to change its recommendation as required by its fiduciary duties.

Consummation of the Merger is subject to various customary conditions, including the requisite approval by the shareholders of Exelon and PSEG, respectively, no legal impediment to the Merger, the receipt of required regulatory approvals, the absence of a material adverse effect on Exelon, PSEG or, prospectively, the surviving corporation and the absence of certain specified burdensome actions as a condition to the regulatory approvals for the Merger. The Merger Agreement contains certain termination rights for both Exelon and PSEG, and further provides that, upon termination of the Merger Agreement, a termination fee may be payable under specified circumstances including (i) if Exelon enters into a definitive agreement to be acquired, it must pay PSEG a termination fee of \$400 million plus PSEG s transactions expenses up to \$40 million and (iii) if PSEG s board of directors changes its recommendation or if PSEG enters into a definitive agreement for a superior proposal to be acquired it must pay Exelon a termination fee of \$400 million plus exelon a stransaction expenses up to \$40 million.

E. Accounting Treatment for the Merger

The Merger will be accounted for as a purchase by Exelon under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Under the purchase method of accounting, the assets and liabilities of PSEG will be recorded, as of completion of the Merger, at their respective fair values and added to those of Exelon. The reported financial condition and results of operations of Exelon issued after completion of the Merger will reflect PSEG s balances and results after completion of the Merger, but will not be restated retroactively to reflect the historical financial position or results of operations of PSEG. Following completion of the Merger, the earnings of the combined company will reflect purchase accounting adjustments, including changes to amortization and depreciation expense for acquired assets.

F. Operation of the Combined System Post-Merger

Following the Merger, ComEd, PECO and PSE&G (the Retail Utility Subsidiaries) will all be subsidiaries of Delivery and will operate their respective electric distribution systems, and PECO and

PSE&G will operate their respective gas distribution systems. The electric transmission systems of the Retail Utility Subsidiaries together with the Indiana Company will be interconnected through and subject to the functional control of a single operator, PJM. The Retail Utility Subsidiaries, the Indiana Company and Exelon Generation are referred to herein as the Utility Subsidiaries.

A more detailed description of Exelon s plans to integrate PSEG s operations with those of its existing subsidiaries is set forth in Item 3.B.4.b, below.

G. Exelon Generation Restructuring

After obtaining any appropriate third-party consents, including consents of certain PSEG Power debt holders to certain amendments of PSEG Power debt agreements, the Applicants will undertake the Exelon Generation Restructuring such that PSEG Power and its direct subsidiaries PSEG Nuclear, PSEG Fossil and PSEG ER&T will all cease to exist as separate entities and will become part of Exelon Generation. The business functions of these former PSEG entities will become a part of their respective Exelon Generation business unit. The subsidiaries owned by these PSEG entities will be retained as direct subsidiaries of Exelon Generation, which will continue to be an electric utility company for purposes of the Act. It is contemplated that the Exelon Generation Restructuring will take place contemporaneously with the closing of the Merger. *See* Exhibits G-1, G-2 and G-3 hereto for diagrams of the pre-Merger and post-Merger corporate structures.

It is anticipated that the current subsidiaries of PSEG Fossil that own and/or operate electric generation facilities will remain subsidiaries of Exelon Generation as EWGs. The Exelon Generation Restructuring will not result in any new public utility subsidiary of Exelon Generation.

Applicants seek such approval as may be required for the Exelon Generation Restructuring.¹⁴

H. Generation Transactions

1. Generation Divestiture Overview

The proposed Merger will increase the total capacity of generation resources owned or controlled by Exelon. To ensure that the combined company does not have market power in any relevant market, Exelon and PSEG have proposed the Mitigation Plan designed to address in full FERC s requirements for competitive markets. As part of the plan, the companies have proposed the Generation Divestiture to divest a number of coal, mid-merit, and peaking generating plants. The Mitigation Plan also provides for the transfer of control of the output of a portion of their baseload nuclear generating capacity.

The final divestiture proposal made by Applicants and approved by FERC in the FERC Merger Order will result in Applicants divesting 6,600 MW of capacity. Of this, 4,000 MW will be physically divested fossil generation. Under the FERC Merger Order, Applicants are required to make a compliance filing to the FERC within 30 days of the completion of their physical divestiture, providing an analysis of the Merger s effect on competition in energy and capacity markets, given actual plants and assets divested and the actual acquirers of the divested assets. If the analysis shows that the Merger s harm to competition has not been sufficiently mitigated, Applicants must propose additional mitigation at that time. The

¹⁴ As explained more fully herein, the FERC has granted the necessary approvals related to the Exelon Generation Restructuring. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has determined that the Industrial Site Recovery Act (ISRA) does not apply to the Merger and its related corporate reorganizations including the Generation Restructuring. Filings have also been made with the Connecticut Siting Council (the Siting Counsel) and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (CDEP) with respect to the implications of the Merger and the Generation Restructuring to the generating stations located in Connecticut and owned by a subsidiary of PSEG Fossil. The Siting Counsel has approved the Merger and **CDEP** approval will be sought closer to the expected time of the Merger (CDEP approvals are valid only for ninety days).

divestiture of the 4,000 MW contemplated in the FERC Merger Order plus any subsequent physical divestiture ordered by FERC as necessary additional mitigation is referred to herein as the Generation Divestiture.

Rather than divest their nuclear baseload units, the Applicants have proposed, and the FERC has accepted, a virtual divestiture whereby they will divest, through sales of long-term firm energy rights, 2,600 MW of nuclear generating capacity in PJM East. Such virtual divestiture will take the form of FERC jurisdictional wholesale power transactions and will not constitute the disposition of utility assets within the meaning of the Act, therefore, no approval by the Commission is required for the virtual divestiture.¹⁵

Exhibit G-4 to the Application previously filed herein is a listing of generation facilities subject to divestiture as initially proposed by Exelon and PSEG (1,000 MW of peaking capacity and a total of 1,900 MW of mid-merit capacity of which 550 MW would be coal-fired). Subsequent to filing the Application, the proposed Generation Divestiture was expanded by an additional 1,100 MW for the total divestiture as approved in the FERC Merger Order of 6,600 MW as noted above and certain other generation facilities were added to the list subject to divestiture. *See* Exhibit G-4.1 for the final list of the facilities that may be subject to the Generation Divestiture.

The FERC Merger Order requires Applicants to execute sales agreements and make appropriate filings at the FERC within twelve (12) months of the Closing of the Merger in order to impliment the Generation Divestiture. The Applicants intend to commence the divestiture process more quickly, but 12 months may be necessary to conduct a sales process, negotiate all necessary agreements and file for all necessary regulatory approvals.

As explained more fully herein, the FERC has approved the Merger based upon, among other things, the Mitigation Plan and Applicants are asking the Commission to make the necessary findings to support relief pursuant to Section 1081 of the Code with respect to the Generation Transactions. None of the proposed mitigation, including the Generation Divestiture, would adversely affect the integration of the combined electric utility operations for purposes of the Act.

Applicants propose to effect the Generation Divestiture pursuant to a voluntary plan under Section 11(e) of the Act. The Commission has consistently held that a plan under Section 11(e) of the Act may be found necessary if it provides an appropriate means to achieving results required by Section 11(b) of the Act . *See, e.g., Northeast Utilities*, Holding Co. Act Release No. 24908 (June 22, 1989) (approving a Section 11(e) plan to dispose of gas distribution system assets via a spin-off of common stock of a newly constituted holding company system). Under Section 11(e), the Commission shall approve a plan if it finds that:

the plan is fair and equitable to persons affected by the plan; and

the plan is necessary to carry out the provisions of Section 11(b).

In this matter, the Generation Divestiture has been found by the FERC to be necessary and in the public interest as the fundamental underpinning of the FERC Merger Order. Generation Divestiture has or will be an essential aspect of the effective performance by the FERC, of its regulatory role. The reduction in the size of the combined company s generation fleet to reduce market power and so provide for the effectiveness of regulation is at the core of Section 11(b) s integrated public-utility system mandate. Since the Generation Divestiture will be an essential aspect of the exercise of non-Commission regulatory oversight of the Merger, the Generation Divestiture has become an appropriate means of achieving the Section 11(b) mandate.

2. Generation Transactions Background

¹⁵ For further description of

the virtual divestiture see Item 3.B.7.b below.

Exelon Generation owns or controls all of the Exelon system s generating assets including the electric generating units that are subject to being divested as part of the Generation Divestiture.

PSEG Fossil is an exempt wholesale generator (EWG) under Section 32 of the Act and a wholly-owned subsidiary of PSEG Power. PSEG Fossil owns directly the electric generating units that are subject to being divested as part of the Generation Divestiture.

3. Exelon Generation Restructuring

After obtaining necessary approvals and third party consents, PSEG Power and PSEG Fossil will cease to exist as separate entities and will become part of Exelon Generation. Accordingly, the Generation Transactions will be specified in this Application on the assumption that the Exelon Generation Restructuring will precede the Divestiture Generation Restructuring and the Generation Divestiture.

4. Divestiture Generation Restructuring

In order to maximize the amount a buyer would be willing to pay for the Subject Assets, defined below, the Applicants are considering alternative options for effecting the disposition by sale of the electric generating assets listed in Exhibit G-10 (the Subject Assets), as required by the Generation Divestitute Subsequent to the Merger but prior to the implementation of any of the options set forth below, Exelon would cause the assets listed in Exhibit G-11 owned by PSEG Fossil to be transfer to Exelon Generation, which currently owns the assets listed in Exhibit G-12 (the Consolidating Transfers). Pursuant to Option 2 described below, an internal restructuring would occur immediately prior to the disposition of the Subject Assets to the buyer that would change the ownership structure of the Subject Assets. The particular tax characteristics of the sale of a generating unit, including the buyer s desired business and tax structures, would determine which option would be utilized. Because there are likely to be multiple buyers of the Subject Assets (each such buyer a Third Party), the Applicants may utilize either of the disposition options to effectuate the sale of the Subject Assets to each Third Party (the disposition to each such Third Party is referred to herein as a Divestiture Transaction). Each of the Subject Assets would be acquired pursuant to each Divestiture Transaction in exchange for cash and/or notes (the Transfer Consideration).

<u>Option 1</u>: Exelon Generation would sell each of the assets listed in <u>Exhibit G-13</u> to a Third Party pursuant to the Divestiture Transaction in exchange for the Transfer Consideration. Exelon Generation may distribute to Exelon (via Ventures) the Transfer Consideration received.

<u>Option 2</u>: Exelon Generation would sell, in exchange for an amount of cash equal to the Transfer Consideration, each of the assets listed in <u>Exhibit G-13</u> to the corporation wholly-owned by Ventures that is listed as the Acquiring Sub next to that asset in <u>Exhibit G-14</u>. Exelon Generation may distribute to Exelon (via Ventures) the cash received. Ventures would then sell all of the interests in the Acquiring Sub to the Third Party in exchange for the Transfer Consideration.

The particulars of the option selected for each Divestiture Transaction would be specified in the applicable Post-Merger FERC Compliance Filing. Each of the steps outlined in Option 2 above could occur simultaneously.

5. Summary of Relevant Provisions of the Internal Revenue Code

Code section 1081(b)(1) provides for the nonrecognition of gain or loss from a sale or exchange of property made in obedience to a Commission order; however, gain will not be recognized only to the extent that it can be (and is) applied to reduce the basis of the transferor s remaining assets as provided in Code

¹⁶ Exhibit B reflects Subject Assets owned by PSEG Fossil and Exhibit C reflects the Subject Assets owned by Exelon Generation prior to the Consolidating Transfers.

section 1082(a)(2). In the event that the transferor receives nonexempt property in the exchange Code section 1081(b)(2) mandates that gain be recognized unless, within 24 months of the exchange, the transferor uses the nonexempt property to acquire property other than nonexempt property or invests the nonexempt property in accordance with that paragraph, and an order of the Commission recites that such expenditure or investment is necessary or appropriate to the integration or simplification of the transferor s holding company system.

Code section 1081(d) provides for the nonrecognition of gain or loss from certain intercompany transactions between members of the same system group if such transactions are made in obedience to a Commission order. System group is defined in Code section 1083(d) to include, as a general matter, corporations connected by common ownership with at least 90 percent of each class of stock of the corporations owned by other members of the system group.

6. Section 1081 Recitals

It is requested that the order of the Commission on this Application: (i) recite that the sale or disposition of generating units as part of the Generation Transactions is necessary or appropriate to the integration or simplification of the post-Merger Exelon holding company system and to effectuate the provisions of section 11(b); and (ii) require post-Merger Exelon to take appropriate actions to cause its direct and indirect subsidiaries, as the case may be, to complete the Generation Divestiture as required in order to comply with the FERC Merger Order.¹⁸

In particular, the Applicants request that the Commission include the following in its order:

The transfer of the assets listed in <u>Exhibit G-11</u> from PSEG Fossil to PSEG Power, followed by the transfer of the interests in PSEG Power by Exelon to Ventures and then by Ventures to Exelon Generation, followed by the transfer of the assets listed in <u>Exhibit G-11</u> by PSEG Power to Exelon Generation, are found to be necessary or appropriate to the integration or simplification of the post-Merger Exelon holding company system and to effectuate the provisions of Section 11(b) of the Act; and Exelon shall cause PSEG Fossil to transfer to PSEG Power the assets listed in <u>Exhibit G-11</u>, followed by the transfer of the interests in PSEG Power by Exelon to Ventures and then by Ventures to Exelon Generation, followed by the transfer of the assets listed in <u>Exhibit G-11</u> from PSEG Power to Exelon Generation, in exchange for cash and/or notes (the notes referred to as the Consolidation Notes) in accordance with Section 1081(d) of the Code.

Each sale of the assets listed in <u>Exhibit G-13</u> from Exelon Generation to a Third Party is found to be necessary or appropriate to the integration or simplification of the post-Merger Exelon holding company system and to effectuate the provisions of Section 11(b) of the Act; each sale of the assets listed in <u>Exhibit G-13</u> by Exelon Generation shall be made to the Third Party in exchange for cash and/or notes in accordance with Section 1081(b)(1) of the Code; <u>and</u> to the extent that the cash and/or notes received in such sale constitutes nonexempt property, Exelon shall cause such proceeds to be reinvested within 24

- ¹⁷ The term nonexempt property is defined in Code section 1083(e) to include, among other things, cash and indebtedness of the transferor that is cancelled or assumed by the purchaser in the exchange.
- ¹⁸ The Commission has issued a number of orders making similar Section 1081-related

tax recitals in connection with other divestitures in compliance with orders under Section 11(b)(1) of the Act in furtherance of voluntary Section 11(e) plans. See, e.g., Ameren Corp., Holding Company Act Release No. 27645 (January 29, 2003); KeySpan Corp., Holding Company Act Release No. 27541 (June 19, 2002); NiSource, Inc., Holding Company Act Release No. 27525 (April 29, 2002) and Progress Energy, Inc., Holding Company Act Release No. 27444 (Sept. 26, 2001).

months of the divestiture date in a manner that complies with Section 1081(b)(2) of the Code, which includes the satisfaction by Exelon Generation of the Consolidation Notes.

Each sale of the assets listed in <u>Exhibit G-14</u> from Exelon Generation to the corporation wholly-owned by Ventures that is listed as the Acquiring Sub next to that specific asset in <u>Exhibit G-14</u>, followed by each sale of such Acquiring Sub stock by Ventures to a Third Party, are found to be necessary or appropriate to the integration or simplification of the post-Merger Exelon holding company system and to effectuate the provisions of Section 11(b) of the Act; each sale of the assets listed in <u>Exhibit G-14</u> by Exelon Generation shall be to the corporation wholly-owned by Ventures that is listed as the Acquiring Sub next to that specific asset in <u>Exhibit G-14</u> in exchange for cash in accordance with Section 1081(d) of the Code, and shall be followed by the sale of such Acquiring Sub stock by Ventures to a Third Party in exchange for cash and/or notes in accordance with Section 1081(b) of the Code; and to the extent that the cash and/or notes received in the sale of the Acquiring Sub stock to the Third Party constitutes

nonexempt property, Exelon shall cause such proceeds to be reinvested within 24 months of the divestiture date in a manner that complies with Section 1081(b)(2) of the Code, which includes the satisfaction by Exelon Generation of the Consolidation Notes.

Each distribution by Exelon Generation to Ventures, followed by each distribution by Ventures to Exelon, of the cash and/or notes received by Exelon Generation on the sale of the assets listed in <u>Exhibit G-13</u> to a Third Party or the assets listed in <u>Exhibit G-14</u> to an Acquiring Sub, and each distribution from Ventures to Exelon of the cash and/or notes received on the sale of the stock of Acquiring Sub to a Third Party, are found to be necessary or appropriate to the integration or simplification of the post-Merger Exelon holding company system and to effectuate the provisions of Section 11(b) of the Act; and each distribution by Exelon Generation of the cash and/or notes received by Exelon Generation on the sale of the assets listed in <u>Exhibit G-13</u> to a Third Party or the assets listed in <u>Exhibit G-14</u> to an Acquiring Sub shall be made to Ventures in accordance with Section 1081(d) of the Code, each distribution by Ventures of such cash and/or notes received on the sale of the cash and/or notes received on the sale of the cash and/or notes received on the sale of the cash and/or notes shall be made to Exelon in accordance with Section 1081(d) of the Code, and each distribution by Ventures of the cash and/or notes received on the sale of the Acquiring Sub stock to a Third Party shall be made to Exelon 1081(d) of the Code.

The foregoing request for Code section 1081 recitals is subject to possible modification (to be detailed in an amendment to this Application) so that the subject Divestiture Transaction encompasses all physical assets being disposed of by the Applicants in connection with obtaining Merger-related approvals.

I. Affiliate Transactions

1. Service Company Transactions

Under the 2000 Merger Order, the Commission authorized Exelon to organize and capitalize Exelon BSC as a service company subsidiary, found that Exelon BSC was so organized and conducted, or to be conducted, as to meet the requirements of section 13(b) of the Act with respect to reasonable assurance of efficient and economical performance of services or construction or sale of goods for the benefit of associate companies, at cost fairly and equitably allocated among them (or as permitted by Rule 90), and authorized Exelon BSC to provide ComEd, PECO and other companies in the Exelon system with administrative, management, engineering, construction, environmental, and other support services pursuant to a General Services Agreement. ¹⁹

The 2000 Merger Order directed Exelon to file a post-effective amendment in File No. 70-9645 describing its accounting systems and cost allocation methodologies and requesting a supplemental order of the Commission. On October 1, 2001, Exelon filed Amendment No. 5 (Second Post-Effective) in File No.

 ¹⁹ The form of General Services Agreement was filed as Exhibit B-2 to Amendment No. 3 in File No. 70-9645.

70-9645.²⁰ Thereafter, on October 31, 2003, Exelon submitted a 60-day letter that, as supplemented, described certain proposed changes in allocation methods for corporate governance costs, and the reorganization of Energy Delivery Shared Services, a business unit of Exelon BSC that would begin to provide new services to ComEd and PECO effective January 1, 2004.²¹

In connection with the Merger, PSEG Services will sell all of its assets to Exelon BSC, change its name and remain as a subsidiary. Post-Merger, Exelon BSC intends to add the former PSEG companies as client companies under the General Services Agreement and will provide to the new client companies the same administrative, management, and technical services that it now provides to Exelon system companies, utilizing the same work order procedures and the same methods of allocating costs that are specified in the General Services Agreement.²² In connection with the Transaction, certain employees of PSEG Services may be transferred to and become employees of Exelon BSC, which will be the sole subsidiary service company for the Exelon system.

Exelon requests that the Commission find, to the extent required, that following the transactions described herein, Exelon BSC will continue to be organized and conducted in a manner to meet the requirements of Section 13(b) of the Act. Recognizing that it will take some time for conversion to Exelon BSC platforms of the work order procedures, cost capture and allocation processes of the portion of Exelon BSC that was formerly PSEG Services, Applicants request authority to delay the full implementation of all services and systems relative to the new PSEG clients until after February 8, 2006.

2. Other Inter-Company Goods and Services At Cost

(a) Incidental Services

The 2000 Merger Order recognized that ComEd, PECO and Exelon Generation may provide services incidental to their utility businesses, such as infrastructure services and storm outage emergency repairs, to one another and other associate companies in accordance with rules 87, 90 and 91. In accordance with these rules also, a utility may provide certain goods, through a leasing arrangement or otherwise, to one or more associate companies, and may use certain assets for the benefit of one or more associate companies. Following the Merger, PSE&G also may provide these incidental services to, or receive these incidental services from, the other Exelon companies. PSE&G also may provide goods, through a leasing arrangement or otherwise, to one or more associate companies, and may use certain assets for the benefit of one or more associate companies. Following the Merger, DSE&G also may provide goods, through a leasing arrangement or otherwise, to one or more associate companies. PSE&G also may provide goods, through a leasing arrangement or otherwise, to one or more associate companies, and may use certain assets for the benefit of one or more associate companies.

(b) Services Required for the Efficient Operation of Exelon Generation s Businesses

Under the 2000 Merger Order, the Commission authorized Exelon Generation and any future subsidiary of Exelon Generation and AmerGen Energy Company, LLC (AmerGen) to provide services at cost to each other as required for the efficient operation of the Exelon system generating facilities.

A copy of the **Exelon Business** Service Company Associate Transaction Procedures Manual (the Manual) dated October 1, 2001 was filed as Exhibit B-2.1 in File No. 70-9645. A revised copy of the Manual, which

incorporated changes requested by the Commission, was provided to the Commission Staff in August of 2003. No supplemental order was ever issued, although Exelon has fully complied with the requirement to file the post-effective amendment. Therefore, Exelon requests, to the extent the Commission deems it necessary to make additional findings with respect to Exelon BSC. that it make those findings in the instant proceeding. Under the 2000 Merger Order, Exelon BSC is

required to give written notice to the Commission at least 60 days prior to implementing any change in the type and character of the companies receiving services, the methods of allocating costs to associate companies, or

the scope or character of services to be rendered.

²² Exelon and

PSE&G are seeking approval of the General Services Agreement from the NJBPU.

Although Exelon Generation is an electric utility company under the Act, it is not subject to state rate regulation and has no captive customers. Following the Merger, as is the case now, Exelon Generation will own and operate generating facilities, engage in energy marketing and trading, and invest in and own exempt wholesale generators, intermediate companies and other permitted investments such as Rule 58 energy-related companies, all of which are operated as an integral part of its system generating facilities. Accordingly, Exelon Generation proposes that post-Merger it, and all of its current and future subsidiaries, including the former PSEG subsidiaries, will provide services at cost to each other as required for the efficient operation of Exelon Generation s businesses.

(c) Services at the Interface between Generation and Transmission and Distribution

Under the 2000 Merger Order, the Commission authorized Exelon Generation to render and receive services at cost from ComEd and PECO related to the interface primarily switchyard facilities between the generation function of Exelon Generation and the transmission and distribution functions of ComEd and PECO. Applicants request authorization for ComEd, PECO, PSE&G, Exelon Generation and its subsidiaries to render and receive the same types of services at cost, among each other following the Merger.

- (d) Exelon Generation Services in Connection with Supply of Electricity and Natural Gas
 - 1. Background

a. Scheduling Coordination Agreements. PSE&G is obligated to purchase electricity from certain QFs, is obligated to purchase electricity from certain EWGs under restructured former PURPA contracts, and receives an allocation of hydroelectric power from the St. Lawrence Power Project. Pursuant to a stipulation filed at the NJBPU, PSE&G is obligated to resell this power at wholesale into the PJM spot market. As PSE&G owns no generation and engages in no other wholesale energy transactions, it relies upon its affiliate PSEG ER&T to schedule these transactions on its behalf and to submit bids for capacity as directed by PSE&G. PSEG ER&T also fulfills certain billing and accounting functions with respect to such energy and capacity. These services are provided under two agreements (Scheduling Coordination Agreements) pursuant to which PSE&G receives the full PJM market value for the electricity. PSE&G either (i) pays PSEG ER&T a cost-based fee, or (ii) enables PSEG ER&T to receive a credit from PJM for capacity from the purchases described above against any emergency power it would otherwise have to pay for under the PJM Open Access Transmission Tariff. The Scheduling Coordination Agreements will be assumed by Exelon Generation by operation of law.

b. BGSS Gas Contract. PSEG ER&T provides full-requirements gas supply service to PSE&G pursuant to a contract approved by the NJBPU for the purpose of satisfying all of PSE&G s retail gas service obligations (BGSS Gas Contract). As part of the transaction approved by the NJBPU, PSEG ER&T assumed the PSE&G entitlements under most of its gas transportation and storage contracts with interstate pipelines. In a few cases, the entitlements remained with PSE&G and PSEG ER&T administers the contracts as PSE&G s agent. The BGSS Gas Contract will be assumed by Exelon Generation by operation of law.

2. Exelon Generation Services in Connection with Supply of Electricity and Natural Gas. Under the 2000 Merger Order, the Commission authorized Exelon Generation to provide, at cost, supply planning services and assistance to ComEd and PECO and to assist the utilities in obtaining energy supply resources from unaffiliated sellers, in each case in connection with the utility s unbundled retail sales and/or wholesale sales, to the extent that energy supply is not provided by Exelon Generation. The Retail Utility Subsidiaries might require assistance from Exelon Generation with respect to the procurement process for the procurement of energy for the utilities bundled as well as unbundled retail sales. For this reason, and also to allow Exelon Generation to provide any jurisdictional services currently provided by PSEG ER&T pursuant to the Scheduling Coordination Agreements and the BGSS Gas Contract, the

Applicants request that the authorization obtained in the 2000 Merger Order be modified not only to include PSE&G, but also to relate to the Retail Utility Subsidiaries bundled retail sales, as well as unbundled retail sales and/or wholesale sales, of both electricity and natural gas. Thus, the Applicants request that the Commission authorize Exelon Generation to provide, at cost, supply planning services and assistance to the Retail Utility Subsidiaries and to assist the utilities in obtaining, or disposing of, energy supply resources from unaffiliated sellers, in each case in connection with the Retail Utility Subsidiaries bundled and unbundled retail sales and/or wholesale sales, to the extent that energy supply is not provided by Exelon Generation. ²³

(e) Modification of Intercompany Services Authorized by the 2000 Merger Order

ComEd currently provides to and receives from affiliates certain services in accordance with an Affiliated Interests Agreement (ComEd AIA) approved by the ICC. PECO s form of Mutual Services Agreement (PECO MSA) under which PECO provides and receives certain services from affiliates has been approved by the PAPUC.²⁴ In connection with the Merger, PSE&G plans to enter into a Mutual Services Agreement (the PSE&G MSA) to govern affiliated interest transactions between PSE&G and its affiliates other than Exelon BSC as service provider.²⁵ Such transactions would be executed at cost, consistent with Rules 90 and 91.

The 2000 Merger Order approved, as part of the filing in File No. 70-9645, Exhibit B-3.3 (Part B), which listed then existing arrangements under the ComEd AIA, the PECO MSA, or individual contracts pursuant to which ComEd and PECO received or rendered services at other than cost. Those arrangements or contracts have all either concluded, or are being conducted currently at cost. Such Exhibit B-3.3 (Part A) listed those services expected to be provided by one Exelon (non-service) company to another company at cost. These services are reported in a semi-annual report of affiliate transactions. The report for the first six months of the year is filed under a Rule 24 certificate at the time of the filing of Exelon s Rule 24 certificate for the second quarter. The report for the second six months of the year is filed as an attachment to Exelon BSC s Report on Form U-13-60. Exelon proposes to modify the service providers and recipients under the types of services so described in the 2000 Merger Order so that each of ComEd, PECO, PSE&G and Exelon Generation may provide, at cost, the listed services to associate companies in the new Exelon system under the same conditions as currently apply to the Exelon system companies. ²⁶

In addition to the services authorized to be provided and received as described in such Exhibit B-3.3 as contemplated by the 2000 Merger Order, as modified herein, Applicants request authorization for the following additional services to be provided at cost. These services will also be subject to the aforementioned reporting requirements.

23 The described services will be provided at cost, with the exception of some services under the Scheduling Coordination Agreements, which provide. as an alternate mechanism for PSE&G to compensate PSEG ER&T (Exelon Generation after the Exelon

Restructuring) for scheduling coordination services, for PSEG ER&T to receive a credit from PJM for capacity, all as described above. 24 The ComEd AIA and PECO MSA were filed as Exhibits B-3.1 and B-3.2, respectively, in File No. 70-9645. 25 Exelon and PSE&G are seeking approval of the PSE&G MSA from the NJBPU. The PSEG MSA is filed as Exhibit B-4 hereto. 26 Such services as described on Exhibit B-3.3 include: services provided by the **Retail Utility** Subsidiaries: regulatory and legislative services, call center, central mail, fleet services, real estate and facilities, distribution technical services,

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telephone overflow coverage, strategic marketing and sourcing, installation and maintenance of substation equipment, purchase of materials and logistics, metering equipment and rubber goods, customer services rep emergency training, environmental and lab services. training for electrical and fire; and services provided by Exelon Generation: instrument calibration, operation of Richmond Frequency Converters and synchronous condenser maintenance.

- a) PowerLabs Services to ComEd, PECO and PSE&G. Exelon Generation was authorized to provide Instrument Calibration services to PECO in Exhibit B-3.3. Since the time of the 2000 Merger Order, the department of Exelon Generation that performed those services has been placed in a separate first-tier Rule 58 subsidiary of Exelon Generation. The new company, which is called Exelon PowerLabs, LLC (PowerLabs), provides Instrument Calibration services at cost to Exelon Generation under the authority in the 2000 Merger Order permitting Exelon Generation and any future subsidiary of Exelon Generation to provide services at cost to each other as required for the efficient operation of the Exelon system generating facilities. PowerLabs also provides Instrument Calibration and other technical services at cost, pursuant to Rule 87(b)(1), to Exelon BSC, which passes them through, at cost, to ComEd and PECO. Applicants request that PowerLabs be authorized to provide Instrument Calibration and other technical services, (including component testing and failure analysis) at cost, directly to ComEd, PECO and PSE&G, in addition to Exelon Generation.
- b) Energy Efficiency Audit Services by the Retail Utility Subsidiaries to Other Exelon Companies. ComEd Technical Services performs site efficiency assessments, which review current energy use profiles and identify cost-savings opportunities (Energy Efficiency Audit Services). ComEd has provided a small volume of these services at cost to Exelon Generation and PECO under Rules 87, 90 and 91, as services incidental to its utility business. In anticipation that the volume of these services may grow over time, may be provided by the other Retail Utility Subsidiaries and may be useful to other Exelon system companies, the Applicants request the Retail Utility Subsidiaries be authorized to provide Energy Efficiency Audit Services to other companies in the Exelon system at cost.
- c) Exelon Generation Maintenance, Repair and Plant Engineering Services. PSEG Power provides a range of specialized maintenance, repair and plant engineering services on energy-related electro-mechanical equipment. PSEG Power provides these services to PSEG Fossil and its EWG subsidiaries, as well as to PSEG Nuclear, PSE&G and PSEG Services. PSEG Power charges its affiliates a blended hourly rate that recovers the fully allocated cost of providing these services. PSEG Power charges PSE&G approximately \$3.4 million on an annual basis for the services it provides to PSE&G. PSEG Power charges PSEG Fossil s EWG subsidiaries approximately \$150,000 on an annual basis for the services it provides to these entities. After the Exelon Generation Restructuring, PSEG Power will be part of Exelon Generation. Thus, Applicants request authorization for Exelon Generation to provide these services, at cost, to other Exelon companies, including, but not limited to, PSE&G, Exelon BSC, ComEd and PECO.
- d) Peak Shaving Services. To facilitate PSEG ER&T s provision of BGSS to PSE&G, PSE&G provides a peaking natural gas supply to PSEG ER&T from three Liquefied Propane Air (LPA) Plants and one Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Plant. The LPA and LNG peaking supplies are economical alternatives to gas supply contracts for very short periods of time. PSE&G charges PSEG ER&T for all labor, material and other costs that are required to operate and maintain the facilities along with a carrying cost for the return on and depreciation of the investment. PECO may enter into similar arrangements with Exelon Generation regarding similar gas peak facilities owned by it. Applicants request authorization for PSE&G to provide these peak shaving services to Exelon Generation, as successor to PSEG ER&T and for PECO to provide similar peak shaving services to Exelon Generation, in the event PECO enters into similar arrangements with Exelon Generation.
- e) The Indiana Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ComEd, is a public utility company. Its sole business is owning transmission assets in Indiana and providing transmission service pursuant to the FERC tariff of PJM. The Indiana Company has no retail customers. Because the Indiana Company has no employees, all services required to manage and operate the facilities of the Indiana Company are provided by either Exelon BSC or ComEd. Exelon BSC has broad authority to provide all services it currently provides to the Indiana Company. These include, but are not necessarily limited to, legal and cash management services. To

date, ComEd has provided, at cost, incidental services in connection with operation and maintenance of the Indiana Company s transmission assets, as well as various administrative and managerial services, including but not limited to accounting and tax. Since these services will continue to be provided to the Indiana Company, Applicants request that ComEd be authorized to provide operation and maintenance services and administrative and managerial services, at cost, to the Indiana Company on an ongoing basis.

J. Issuance of Common Stock in the Merger

Exelon requests approval to issue that number of shares of its common stock necessary to comply with its obligations under the Merger Agreement. Exelon expects that it will issue approximately 341 million shares of common stock to the former holders of PSEG common stock in the Merger. This includes approximately 14 million shares of common stock, or options on its common stock, that Exelon will be required to issue at the consummation of the Merger to satisfy the obligations under various PSEG stock option and employee benefit plans.

Upon completion of the Merger, each outstanding option to purchase shares of PSEG common stock will be assumed by Exelon and substituted with an option to purchase shares of Exelon common stock, exercisable on generally the same terms and conditions that applied before the Merger. The number of shares of Exelon common stock subject to the substitute Exelon stock option will equal the number of shares of PSEG common stock subject to the PSEG stock option immediately prior to completion of the Merger, multiplied by the exchange ratio, rounded down to the nearest whole share. The per share exercise price of each substitute Exelon stock option will equal the exercise price of the PSEG stock option immediately prior to completion of the Merger, Exelon stock option will equal the exercise price of the PSEG stock option immediately prior to completion of the Merger, Exelon stock option will equal the exercise price of the nearest whole cent. In addition, upon completion of the Merger, Exelon will assume all PSEG equity-based awards and substitute them with equity-based awards with respect to shares of Exelon common stock on generally the same terms and conditions that applied before completion of the Merger. The number of shares of Exelon common stock issuable under those awards, and the exercise prices for those awards, will be adjusted to take into account the exchange ratio (1.225) in the Merger.

K. PSEG Indebtedness Assumed

As a consequence of the Merger and the Exelon Generation Restructuring, all the existing consolidated indebtedness of PSEG will become consolidated indebtedness of Exelon. As the surviving entity in the Merger, Exelon will become the successor obligor on all outstanding indebtedness directly issued by PSEG. Further, subject to receipt of the appropriate consents, upon the Exelon Generation Restructuring, indebtedness and obligations of PSEG Power, PSEG Nuclear, PSEG Fossil and PSEG ER&T will become obligations of Exelon Generation. Prior to the closing of the Merger, PSEG Power s debt holders will be solicited for consent to amendments to certain of its existing debt instruments to reflect the changes in credit profile and other circumstances that will result from the assumption by Exelon Generation of PSEG Power indebtedness.²⁷

Exelon will not legally assume or become successor obligor on any outstanding indebtedness of PSEG system companies, except (as noted above) for PSEG indebtedness for which Exelon is successor obligor. Exelon may issue guaranties on behalf of former PSEG system companies subject to the limitations on guaranties contained in the 2004 Financing Order, modified as described below. Likewise, except for the obligations of PSEG Power, PSEG Nuclear, PSEG Fossil and PSEG ER&T for which

 For purposes of the Securities Act of 1933, the assumption by Exelon Generation of the obligations of PSEG Power which have been the subject of changed

terms by reason of the consent solicitation may be considered the offering of new securities by Exelon Generation that requires registration on an S-4 Registration Statement. However, as a matter of corporate law, the intention is that Exelon Generation will become the successor obligor on the obligations, as amended, by operation of law in the Exelon Generation Restructuring.

Exelon Generation becomes successor obligor in the Generation Restructuring, Exelon Generation will not legally assume any outstanding indebtedness of any PSEG system company. Exelon Generation may issue guaranties on behalf of former PSEG system companies subject to the limitations on guaranties contained in the 2004 Financing Order, modified as described below.

Filed herewith as Exhibit G-5 are descriptions of all outstanding indebtedness and obligations of PSEG that are expected to become consolidated indebtedness of Exelon following the Merger. ²⁸ Filed as Exhibit G-6 is a description of all existing inter-company guaranties in the PSEG system that will remain in place following the Merger. ²⁹

Applicants seek approval to the extent required for the consolidation of indebtedness, or in the case of Exelon and Exelon Generation, becoming the successor obligor under the indebtedness, and continuation of inter-company guaranties, as described above. Applicants further request authority to continue existing financing arrangements, guarantees and hedging arrangements, as well as any transactions undertaken to extend the terms of or replace, refund or refinance existing obligations and the issuance of new obligations in exchange for existing obligations, provided in each case that the issuing entity s total capitalization is not increased as a result of such financing transaction except as permitted by the 2004 Financing Order modified as discussed below.

L. Modifications to 2004 Financing Order

1. The 2004 Financing Order

On April 1, 2004, Exelon received approval from the Commission in the 2004 Financing Order (Docket No. 70-10189) to engage in certain financing transactions. The 2004 Financing Order authorized, through April 15, 2007, certain financing transactions, including the issuance of common stock, preferred securities, equity-linked securities, long-term debt and short-term debt in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$8.0 billion above the amount outstanding for Exelon and Exelon Generation at December 31, 2003, with no separate sublimit for short-term debt.³⁰ The 2004 Financing Order also authorized the use of up to \$4 billion of the proceeds of financings for investments in EWGs and FUCOs, and reserved jurisdiction over a request to use an additional \$3 billion of the proceeds of financings for investments in EWGs and FUCOs.

Because the 2004 Financing Order did not contemplate a transaction of the magnitude of the current Merger, Exelon is requesting, as noted in Item 1. J. above, approval for the issuance of its common stock in the Merger and related to stock options and employee plans. In addition, certain modifications to the 2004 Financing Order are necessary to accommodate the addition of the PSEG system into the Exelon system. Except for the issuance of common stock in the Merger and the specific modifications listed below, however, Exelon is not seeking any changes to the approvals granted in the 2004 Financing Order.

28 Applicants will update this exhibit to reflect changes that may occur prior to the issuance of an order in this proceeding.

²⁹ In addition, Exelon will increase its consolidated indebtedness by approximately \$3.2 billion as a result of the

outstanding consolidated obligations of PSEG Holdings, the non-utility subsidiary of PSEG which will become a first tier subsidiary of Exelon. These obligations are included in the calculations of the pro forma post-Merger capitalization of Exelon. All such obligations would have been exempt from the requirement of Commission approval under Rule 52(b) if issued by a subsidiary of a registered holding company so no approval for their assumption is sought in this proceeding. The 2004 Financing Order replaced the approval granted by the Commission in Docket No. 70-9693 to

engage in certain financing transactions pursuant to orders dated

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2000 (Holding Co. Act Release No. 35-27266) and December 8, 2000 (Holding Co. Act Release No. 35-27296) (collectively, the 2000 Orders) that expired on March 31, 2004. The 2000 Orders had authorized up to \$4.0 billion of financing.

In particular, Exelon is not proposing to increase the authorized amount of new financing it will be permitted above the existing authorized \$8 billion. As noted in the 2004 Financing Order: Applicants state that [the \$8 billion External Limit] does not include the refunding or replacement of securities where capitalization is not increased from that in place at [a specified date]. Applicants state that any refunding or replacement of securities where capitalization is not increased from that in place at [the specified date] will be through the issuance of securities of the type authorized in [the 2004 Financing Order]. Applicants request that the base level of capitalization, against which the authorized increase of \$8 billion will be measured, will be adjusted to be the pro forma capitalization of Exelon or Exelon Generation, as the case may be, as of the date of consummation of the Merger and Exelon Generation Restructuring.

Exelon proposes that the 2004 Financing Order will remain in full force and effect except to the extent expressly modified by the Commission s order in this matter. Except as specifically modified herein, all parameters, restrictions and conditions imposed in the 2004 Financing Order will remain in effect.

2. Requested Modifications of 2004 Financing Order 31

Applicants seek approval for the following modifications to the 2004 Financing Order:

- i. The definition of Utility Subsidiaries under the 2004 Financing Order be amended to include PSE&G, and the definition of Nonutility Subsidiaries be amended to include all non-utility subsidiary companies of PSEG.
- The Utility Money Pool authority be amended to permit: (a) PSE&G to become a participant in the Utility Money Pool, with a participation limit for borrowing of \$1 billion, and (b) Exelon Generation to borrow up to \$1.5 billion (an increase from \$1 billion) at any one time outstanding from the Utility Money Pool³³, and (c) PSEG Holdings to participate in the Utility Money Pool as a lender to, but not as a borrower from, the Utility Money Pool.
- iii. To authorize the establishment of a Nonutility Money Pool. ³⁴
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terms used in this Item 1.L. and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the 2004 Financing Order.

³² The authority under the 2004 Financing Order, as it relates to non-utilities, applies to all other direct and indirect subsidiaries that Exelon may hereinafter form or acquire in accordance with a Commission order or otherwise in accordance with the Act or a rule promulgated thereunder. By extending the authorizations of the 2004 Financing Order to the new, former PSEG, non-utility subsidiaries acquired in the Merger, such subsidiaries will be authorized, in each case subject to the restrictions and conditions of the 2004 Financing Order, inter alia to: (i) create and enter into transactions with Financing Subsidiaries, (ii) issue intra-system advances and guarantees, to the extent not exempt pursuant to Rules 45(b) and 52, to or on behalf of other Non-Utility Subsidiaries and others. (iii) benefit from the issuance by Exelon of guaranties approved by the

2004 Financing Order, (iv) participate in the Nonutility Money Pool, subject to the release of jurisdiction over the formation of the Nonutilty Money Pool as specified in the 2004 Financing Order, (v) pay dividends out of capital or unearned surplus, (vi) enter into Non-Exempt Non-Utility Guaranties (as defined in the 2004 Financing Order), and (vii) change the par value, or change between par value and no-par stock, or change the form of such equity from common stock to limited partnership or limited liability company interests or similar instruments, or from such instruments to common stock, without additional Commission approval.

³³ The 2004Financing Order authorized

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Unicom Investments, Inc. to participate in the Utility Money Pool as a lender only. Unicom Investments, Inc. has been reorganized and is now UII, LLC.

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Commission reserved jurisdiction over the establishment of a Nonutility Money Pool in the 2004 Financing Order.

- iv. To add authority, to the extent not exempt under Rule 52, for PSE&G to enter into Hedge Instruments and Anticipatory Hedges of the same type and under the same conditions as authorized under the 2004 Financing Order.
- v. To add authority for Exelon to enter into guarantees to or on behalf of the PSEG companies, and PSE&G to enter into Non-Exempt Utility Guarantees, all under the terms and conditions authorized under the 2004 Financing Order.
- vi. To increase to \$8 billion (from the current \$6 billion) the aggregate authority for Exelon and Exelon Generation to issue guaranties.
- vii. To add authority for PSE&G to pay dividends out of capital to the extent of PSE&G s retained earnings immediately prior to the Merger where such retained earnings are transferred to paid in capital in accordance with purchase accounting.
- viii. To add authority for Delivery to pay dividends out of capital to the extent of PSE&G s retained earnings immediately prior to the Merger where such retained earnings are transferred to paid in capital in accordance with purchase accounting.
- ix. To add authority for Exelon Generation to pay dividends out of capital to the extent of the retained earnings of PSEG Power, PSEG Nuclear, PSEG Fossil and PSEG ER&T immediately prior to the Merger where such retained earnings are transferred to paid in capital in accordance with purchase accounting.
- x. To add authority for Ventures to pay dividends out of capital to the extent of the retained earnings of (A) PSEG Power, PSEG Nuclear, PSEG Fossil and PSEG ER&T immediately prior to the Merger where such retained earnings are transferred to paid in capital in accordance with purchase accounting and (B) PSEG Holdings immediately prior to the Merger where such retained earnings are transferred to paid in capital in accordance with purchase accounting in the event PSEG Holdings becomes a subsidiary of Ventures rather than a direct subsidiary of Exelon. ³⁵
- xi. To increase Exelon s authority to pay dividends out of capital by the amount of PSEG s retained earnings immediately prior to the Merger where such retained earnings are transferred to paid in capital in accordance with purchase accounting. ³⁶
- xii. To add authority for Exelon, Exelon Generation, Ventures, Delivery and PSE&G to declare and pay dividends out of current earnings before any deduction resulting from impairment of goodwill or other intangibles recognized as a result of the Merger.³⁷
- xiii. To increase to 75 million shares (from 42 million shares approved by the 2004 Financing Order) the number of shares of Exelon common stock that may be issued, following the Merger, under Exelon s dividend reinvestment plan, employee stock ownership plan,
- ³⁵ Such dividend authority is requested in the event that Exelon were to do an internal restructuring to

move PSEG Holdings, a non-utility subsidiary to be a subsidiary of Ventures rather than as a direct first tier subsidiary of Exelon as is contemplated to be the structure immediately following the Merger. No further approval under the Act would be required for such a restructuring for **PSEG Holdings** under the authorization granted in Holding Co. Act Release No. 27545 (June 27, 2002). This new

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approval will not affect the authority of ComEd and Exelon to pay dividends out of capital up to \$500 million as approved in the 2004 Financing Order.

Applicants ask the Commission to reserve jurisdiction over this request pending completion of the record.

certain incentive compensation plans and certain other employee benefit plans, including PSEG plans assumed as part of the Merger, as described below (collectively, the Plans).

- xiv. To increase the amount of financing proceeds that may be used for investments in EWGs and FUCOs such that aggregate investment within the meaning of Rule 53 does not exceed \$8.0 billion (an increase from \$4 billion currently authorized). ³⁸
- xv. To provide that the base capitalization against which the limit of additional financing of \$8 billion authorized in the 2004 Financing Order is measured shall be the pro forma capitalization of Exelon or Exelon Generation as the case may be, as of the date of consummation of the Merger and the Exelon Generation Restructuring. Financial information given herein as to the pro forma effect of the Merger is as of the date indicated and is illustrative only of the actual opening balance sheet of Exelon post-Merger that will be used for this purpose. As required under the 2004 Financing Order, all financing where capitalization is not increased from that in place at the Merger date will be through the issuance of securities of the type authorized in the 2004 Financing Order, modified as described herein, and subject to the Financing Parameters (as defined in the 2004 Financing Order). ³⁹
- xvi. To add authority for Exelon Generation to engage in tax-exempt financing pursuant to sale or lease transactions of its utility assets as described below
 - 3. Parameters for Financing Authorization.

The proposed financing transactions will be subject to the Financing Parameters, as set forth in the 2004 Financing Order, without modification. Accordingly the limits on effective cost of money on financings, maturity, issuance expense and use of proceeds shall be unchanged. The 30% common equity condition shall apply to PSE&G as a

Utility Subsidiary⁴⁰ The 30% Condition will be unchanged for Exelon, ComEd, PECO and Exelon Generation. Finally, the Investment Grade Condition (as defined in the 2004 Financing Order) will apply to PSE&G to the extent it requires Commission approval for any securities issuance.⁴¹

In the 2004 Financing Order, the Commission authorized up to \$4 billion in File No. 70-10189.

³⁹ The

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capitalization base for Exelon and Exelon Generation, respectively, will be measured according to the balance sheet prepared to reflect consummation of the Merger, by taking the post-Merger outstanding common stock or membership interests (excluding retained earnings), preferred and preference securities, long-term debt, short-term debt, current portion of long-term debt and securitization obligations, as applicable, of Exelon and Exelon Generation. Increases in capitalization through securities issuances of Exelon and Exelon Generation, as the case may be, will count towards the \$8 billion limit; but increases in consolidated capitalization resulting from exempt securities issuances (such as issuances of state commission approved securities by the **Retail Utility** Subsidiaries) and increases to retained earnings will not reduce available

financing. Retirement or redemption of securities or reductions in equity through stock buybacks by Exelon or Exelon Generation, as the case may be, in each case with available funds will correspondingly increase available financing. Under the 2004 Financing Order, the consequence of failing to satisfy the 30% Condition when required is that the Applicant issuer would not be authorized to issue securities in a transaction subject to Commission

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subject to Commission approval except for securities which would result in an increase in such common equity percentages.

41 PSE&G receives approval from the NJPBU for all of its securities issuances, both long-term and short-term and, therefore, is not seeking

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Commission	
approval for any	
exempt	
securities	
issuances	
hereunder.	
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4. Filing of Certificates of Notification

Exelon currently files quarterly reports in connection with the 2004 Financing Order. Applicants propose to continue to file Rule 24 certificates through February 8, 2006 containing the information required by the 2004 Financing Order for the post-Merger Exelon system, including equivalent information relating to former PSEG system subsidiaries.

5. Increase in Shares for Plans; New and Adopted Plans

The 2004 Financing Order authorized Exelon to issue and/or acquire in open market transactions, or by some other method which complies with applicable law and Commission interpretations then in effect, up to 42 million shares of Exelon common stock (adjusted for a stock split) under Exelon s dividend reinvestment plan, employee stock ownership plan, certain incentive compensation plans and certain other employee benefit plans. Such issuances are in addition to common stock that may be issued under the general financing authorization of \$8 billion. Exelon proposes to increase the number of shares authorized for this purpose to 75 million to accommodate two new Exelon plans and the former PSEG plans that will become Exelon s responsibility following the Merger. Exelon stock will be used, following the Merger, to satisfy requirements under the PSEG plans to provide common stock. These plans are summarized below.

Exelon Corporation 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan

The purpose of the Exelon Corporation 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the Incentive Plan) is to encourage designated key employees of Exelon and its subsidiaries to contribute materially to the growth of the company, thereby benefiting Exelon s shareholders. The Incentive Plan authorizes the following types of grants singly, in combination or in tandem: non-qualified stock options, incentive stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock and restricted stock units, including performance share awards and performance units. ⁴²

Exelon Corporation Employee Stock Purchase Plan For Unincorporated Subsidiaries

The purposes of the Exelon Corporation Employee Stock Purchase Plan For Unincorporated Subsidiaries (the Purchase Plan) are to provide employees of participating subsidiaries added incentive to remain employed and promote Exelon s bests interests by permitting these employees to purchase shares of Exelon common stock at below-market prices through payroll deductions on substantially the same basis as employees who participate in Exelon s qualified employee stock purchase plan⁴³

Public Service Enterprise Group Incentive Plans

The purposes of the Public Service Enterprise Group Incorporated 1989 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the 1989 Plan), the Public Service Enterprise Group Incorporated 2001 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the 2001 Plan), and the Public Service Enterprise Group Incorporated 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the 2004 Plan, and together with the 1989 Plan and 2001 Plan, the PSEG Incentive Plans) are to promote the growth and profitability of the company and its subsidiaries by enabling them to attract and retain the best available personnel for positions of substantial responsibility; to motivate participants, by means of appropriate incentives, to achieve long-range goals; to provide incentive compensation opportunities that are competitive with those of other similar companies; and to align participants interests with those of the company s shareholders and thereby promote the long-term financial interest of the company and its subsidiaries, including the growth in value of the company s equity and enhancement of long-term

⁴² The Incentive Plan is incorporated by reference to Annex H to Exelon s Registration Statement on Form S-4 filed February 10, 2005 in File No. 333-122704, which is included as Exhibit C hereto.

⁴³ The Purchase

Plan is incorporated by reference to Annex I to Exelon s Registration Statement on Form S-4 filed February 10, 2005 in File No. 333-122704, which is included as Exhibit C hereto.

shareholder return. Outstanding, unexercised award grants under the 1989 Plan and the 2001 Plan are nonqualified stock options. Award grants under the 2004 Plan may be stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, stock units, performance shares, cash awards or any combination thereof. ⁴⁴

Public Service Enterprise Group Incorporated Stock Plan for Outside Directors (the Directors Plans)

The Directors Plan provides annual grants (currently, 1,000 shares) of restricted stock to outside directors for service on PSEG s Board of Directors. These shares of restricted stock vest upon the director s retirement from the Board following his/her 70th birthday.

Public Service Enterprise Group Incorporated Directors Compensation Program (the Directors Compensation Program $\frac{1}{6}$

Under the Directors Compensation Program, one-half of each outside director s annual retainer (the total amount of which is currently \$50,000) is paid in shares of PSEG common stock.

Public Service Enterprise Group Incorporated Deferred Compensation Program for Directors (the Directors Deferred Plan ⁴⁷

PSEG outside directors who elect to defer a portion of their fees under the Directors Deferred Plan may elect to have all or a portion of the amounts deferred treated as if they were invested in PSEG common stock (Phantom Stock). Any shares distributed under the Directors Deferred Plan are purchased on the open market for that purpose.

Public Service Enterprise Group Incorporated Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the ESPP⁴⁸)

The ESPP allows all employees of PSEG and its participating subsidiaries to purchase shares of PSEG common stock through payroll deduction at a 5% discount from market price.

6. Nonutility Money Pool

In the 2004 Financing Order, the Commission noted that Exelon requested authority to establish the Nonutility Money Pool to be operated on the same terms and conditions as the Utility Money Pool, except that Exelon funds made available to the Money Pools would be made available to the Utility Money Pool first to the extent it is operated and needed and thereafter to the Nonutility Money Pool. None of the Utility Subsidiaries will be a participant in the Nonutility Money Pool, and no loans through the Nonutility

44 The 1989 Plan is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10 to the **PSEG** Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30. 2002, File No. 001-09120. The 2001 Plan is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10a(7) to the PSEG Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000, File No. 001-09120.

Exhibit 10a(21) to the PSEG Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003, File No. 001-09120. 45 The Directors Plan is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10a(17) to the PSEG Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002, File No. 001-09120. 46 The Directors Compensation Program is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10a(20) to the PSEG Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002, File No. 001-09120. 47 The Directors Deferred Plan is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10a(1) to the PSEG Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year

The 2004 Plan is incorporated by reference to

ended December 31, 1999, File No. 001-09120.

⁴⁸ The ESPP is incorporated by reference to the PSEG Registration Statement on Form S-8, No. 333-106330 filed on June 20, 2003.

Money Pool can be made to, and no borrowings through the Nonutility Money Pool can be made by, Exelon, Ventures or Delivery. ⁴⁹

Furthermore, other Non-Utility Subsidiaries (i.e., Non-Utility Subsidiaries that are not currently anticipated to participate in the Non-Utility Money Pool and such that are acquired or formed in the future, collectively, Other Non-Utility Subsidiaries) may lend funds to and borrow from the Non-Utility Money Pool, when established, without the need for additional authority from the Commission. ⁵⁰

7. Exelon Generation Tax-Exempt Financing

Exelon Generation may be able to incur lower financing costs by taking advantage of tax-exempt financing where a governmental entity, such as a county or a state authority or agency, issues securities and lends the proceeds to Exelon Generation or where Exelon Generation sells or leases an undivided interest in one or more of its generating facilities and related assets to the governmental entity and leases back or purchases the assets and operates such assets as before. Exelon Generation s payments to the governmental entity under such arrangements will provide payments of principal, interest and any other amounts due under the bonds issued by the governmental entity. In connection with such transactions, Exelon Generation seeks approval for the sale, lease or other transfer and lease back, purchase or other operating arrangement of generating and related assets that constitute utility assets under the Act. Such sale, lease or other transfer and lease back, purchase or other operation arrangement would be solely for financing purposes and would not affect the operation of the assets. This request does not seek to increase the amount of authorized financing and any financing under this authority would have to come within the limits approved in the 2004 Financing Order, as it may be modified herein, but is solely to cover the technical disposition and acquisition of utility assets that is involved in this type of financing. ⁵¹

8. Pro Forma Financial Information

Exelon is a financially sound company, and following the Merger will remain sound, with investment grade ratings from major rating agencies. The Exelon system s ratings as of December 31, 2004 from Standard & Poor s Corporation (S&P), Moody s Investors Service (Moody s) and Fitch Investors Service, Inc. (Fitch), as well as the ratings of PSEa at that date, are set forth in the following table. Exelon expects that following the Merger, it will maintain investment grade ratings at Exelon and each of the Utility Subsidiaries with respect to each type of obligation rated. ⁵²

	Company and type of rating	S&P	Moody s	Fitch
Exelon				
Corporate		A-	NR	NR
Unsecured		BBB+	Baa2	BBB+
Commercial Paper		A-2	P-2	F2

- ⁴⁹ To the extent necessary, Applicants request that the Commission release jurisdiction over the formation of the Nonutility Money Pool.
- 50 See NiSource, Inc., Holding Co. Act Release No. 27789 (December 30,

2003).

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The Commission has approved this type of financing on numerous occasions. E.g., *Appalachian Power Co.*, Holding Co. Act Release No. 27283 (November 27, 2000).

⁵² The Indiana Company was created for historical reasons and does not currently have any publicly issued securities or securities ratings.

Company and type of rating	S&P	Moody s	Fitch
ComEd			
Corporate	A-	NR	NR
Secured	A-	A3	A-
Unsecured	BBB+	Baa1	BBB+
Preferred Stock/ Trust Securities	BBB	Baa3	BBB
Commercial Paper	A-2	P-2	F2
Transitional Trust Notes	AAA	Aaa	AAA
⁵³ These are			
obligations of a			
special purpose			
subsidiary of			
ComEd.			
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Company and type of rating	S&P	Moody s	Fitch
РЕСО		Ū	
Corporate	A-	NR	NR
Secured	A-	A2	А
Unsecured	BBB+	A3	A-
Preferred Stock	BBB	Baa2	BBB+
Trust Securities	BBB	Baa1	BBB+
Commercial Paper	A-2	P-1	F1
Transitional Trust Notes	AAA	Aaa	AAA
Exelon Generation			
Corporate	A-	Baa1	
Unsecured	A-	Baa1	BBB+
Commercial Paper	A-2	P-2	F2
PSE&G			
Corporate	BBB	NR	NR
Secured	A-	A3	А
Unsecured	BBB-	Baa1	A-
Preferred Stock	BB+	Baa3	BBB+
Commercial Paper	A-3	P-2	F-2
PSE&G Transition Funding Notes	AAA	Aaa	AAA
ND-pot rotod			

NR=not rated

Exelon also has a sound capital structure. At September 30, 2004, Exelon s consolidated common equity as a percentage of consolidated capitalization was 40.18%. ⁵⁵ Details regarding Exelon s consolidated capitalization are shown in the table in Item 1.B.4. above. Following the Merger, Exelon will

⁵⁴ These are obligations of a special purpose

special purpose subsidiary of PECO.

55 Consolidated capitalization includes securitization obligations. If securitization obligations were excluded in the calculation. Exelon s equity component of consolidated capitalization would be 50.10% at September 30, 2004.

continue to have sound capitalization. The following shows the pro forma post-Merger Exelon consolidated capitalization as of September 30, 2004.

EXELON CORPORATION PRO FORMA CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL STRUCTURE

(Dollars in Millions) As of September 30, 2004

	Exelon		Post-Merger Pro Forma	
	Amount	Capital Structure Percentage	Amount	Capital Structure Percentage
Common Equity (includes Retained		_		_
Earnings of \$3,256)	\$ 9,546	40.18%	\$ 22,189	42.89%
Minority Interest	53	0.22%	53	0.10%
Preferred and Preference Stock	632	2.66%	1,913	3.70%
Securitization Obligations	4,978	20.95%	7,449	14.40%
Long-Term Debt	7,814	32.89%	18,250	35.27%
Current Maturities of Long-Term Debt	410	1.73%	901	1.74%
Total Long-Term Debt	8,224	34.62%	19,151	37.01%
Short-Term Debt	325	1.37%	985	1.90%
Total Capital Structure	\$ 23,758	100.00%	\$ 51,740	100.00%

As part of the Exelon Generation Restructuring, PSEG Power, PSEG Nuclear, PSEG Fossil and PSEG ER&T will become a part of Exelon Generation, which will continue to have a strong capitalization following those transactions. As a result of the accounting for the Merger, however, the retained earnings of the PSEG subsidiaries combining with Exelon Generation will be eliminated. Accordingly, as noted above, Applicants request that Exelon Generation be authorized to pay dividends out of capital to the extent of the pre-Merger retained earnings of PSEG Power, PSEG Nuclear, PSEG Fossil and PSEG ER&T.

The following shows the pro forma post-Merger Exelon Generation consolidated capitalization as of September 30, 2004.

EXELON GENERATION PRO FORMA CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL STRUCTURE (Dollars in Millions)

As of September 30, 2004

	Exelon Generation Capital Structure		Post-Merger Pro Forma Capital Structure	
	Amount	Percentage	Amount	Percentage
Common Equity (includes Undistributed Earnings of \$1,031)	\$ 3,330	56.54%	\$ 10,222	62.12%
Minority Interest	55	0.93%	55	0.33%
Long-Term Debt	2,444	41.49%	6,083	36.97%
Current Maturities of Long-Term Debt	61	1.04%	95	0.58%
Total Long-Term Debt	2,505	42.53	6,178	37.55%
Short-Term Debt				
Total Capital Structure	\$ 5,890	100.00%	\$ 16,455	100.00%

PSE&G has a sound capital structure, with capitalization at December 31, 2004 as follows: **PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY**

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL STRUCTURE

(Dollars in Millions)

As of December 31, 2004

Consolidated Capitalization

	Amount	Capital Structure Percentage
Common Equity (includes Retained Earnings of \$656)	\$ 2,700	33.61%
Preferred and Preference Stock Securitization Obligations	80 2,085	1.00% 25.96%
Long-Term Debt Current Maturities of Long-Term Debt	2,938 125	36.57% 1.56%
Total Long-Term Debt	3,063	38.13%
Short-Term Debt	105	1.30%

Total Capital Structure

8,033

100.00%

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The following shows the pro forma post-Merger PSE&G consolidated capitalization as of September 30, 2004. PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY PRO FORMA CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL STRUCTURE

(Dollars in Millions) As of September 30, 2004

	PSE&G Capital Structure Bergenta co		Post-Merger Pro Forma Capital Structure	
Common Equity (includes Retained	Amount	Percentage	Amount	Percentage
Earnings of \$592)	\$ 2,637	31.85%	\$ 6,000	50.04%
Preferred and Preference Stock	80	0.97%	80	0.67%
Securitization	2,124	25.65%	2,299	19.17%
Long-Term Debt	2,936	35.46%	3,053	25.46%
Current Maturities of Long-Term Debt	218	2.63%	273	2.28%
Total Long-Term Debt	3,154	38.09%	3,326	27.74%
Short-Term Debt	285	3.44%	285	2.38%
Total Capital Structure	\$ 8,280	100.00%	\$ 11,990	100.00%

Item 2. Fees, Commissions And Expenses.

The fees, commissions and expenses to be paid or incurred, directly or indirectly, in connection with the Merger, including the solicitation of proxies, registration of securities of Exelon under the Securities Act of 1933, and other related matters, are estimated to be approximately \$70 million, as discussed in Item 3.B.2.

Item 3. Applicable Statutory Provisions.

A. Applicable Provisions.

Sections 6(a), 7, 8, 9, 10, 11(b)(1), 11(e), 12, 13, 32 and 33 of the Act and the rules thereunder are considered applicable to the proposed transactions.

To the extent that the proposed transactions are considered by the Commission to require authorizations, exemption or approval under any section of the Act or the rules and regulations thereunder other than those set forth above, request for such authorization, exemption or approval is hereby made.

B. Section 10 of the Act.

Section 10(b) provides that, if the requirements of Section 10(f) are satisfied, the Commission shall approve an acquisition under Section 9(a) unless the Commission finds that:

(i) such acquisition will tend towards interlocking relations or the concentration of control of public utility companies, of a kind or to an extent detrimental to the public interest or the interests of investors or consumers;

(ii) in case of the acquisition of securities or utility assets, the consideration, including all fees, commissions, and other remuneration, to whomsoever paid, to be given, directly or indirectly, in connection with such acquisition is not reasonable or does not bear a fair relation to the sums invested in or the earning capacity of the utility assets to be acquired or the utility assets underlying the securities to be acquired; or

(iii) such acquisition will unduly complicate the capital structure of the holding-company system of the applicant or will be detrimental to the public interest or the interests of investors or consumers or the proper functioning of such holding-company system.

Section 10(c) of the Act provides that, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 10(b), the Commission shall not approve:

(i) an acquisition of securities or utility assets, or of any other interest, which is unlawful under the provisions of Section 8 or is detrimental to the carrying out of the provisions of Section 11; or

(ii) the acquisition of securities or utility assets of a public utility or holding company unless the Commission finds that such acquisition will serve the public interest by tending towards the economical and the efficient development of an integrated public utility system.

As set forth more fully below, the Merger complies with all of the applicable provisions of Section 10 of the Act and should be approved by the Commission.

1. <u>Section 10(b)(1)</u>.

The standards of Section 10(b)(1) are satisfied because the proposed Merger will not tend towards interlocking relations or the concentration of control of public utility companies, of a kind or to an extent detrimental to the public interest or the interests of investors or consumers. By its nature, any merger results in new links between previously unrelated companies. The Commission has recognized, however, that such interlocking relationships are permissible in the interest of efficiencies and economies. *See Northeast Utilities*, 50 S.E.C. 427, 443 (1990), *as modified*, 50 S.E.C. 511 (1991), *aff d sub nom. City of Holyoke v. SEC*, 972 F.2d 358 (D.C. Cir. 1992) (finding that interlocking relationships are necessary to integrate the two merging entities). The links that will be established as a result of the Merger are not the types of interlocking relationships targeted by Section 10(b)(1), which was primarily aimed at preventing uneconomical combinations.⁵⁶ In contrast, the Merger will achieve various operating synergies. Among other things, the PSEG subsidiaries will enter into contractual arrangements with other Exelon system companies under which various administrative and management services will be provided. Because substantial benefits will accrue to the public, investors and consumers from the affiliation of Exelon and PSEG, whatever interlocking relationships may arise from the combination are not detrimental.

Under the Section 10(b)(1) concentration of control test, the Commission considers various factors, including the size of the resulting system and the competitive effects of the acquisition. *Entergy Corp.*, Holding Co. Act Release No. 25952 (Dec. 17, 1993), *request for reconsideration denied*, Holding Co. Act Release No. 26037 (Apr. 28, 1994), *remanded sub nom. Cajun Elec. Power Coop. Inc. v. SEC*, 1994 WL 704047 (D.C. Cir. Nov. 16, 1994) *on remand, Entergy Corp.*, Holding Co. Act Release No. 26410 (Nov. 17, 1995) (citations omitted). These factors are discussed below.

⁵⁶ See

Section 1(b)(4) of the Act (finding that the public interest and interests of consumers and investors are adversely affected when

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the growth and extension of holding companies bears no relation to the economy of management and operation or the integration and coordination of related operating properties . . .).

(a) <u>Size</u>.

As the Commission has recognized, Section 10(b)(1) does not impose any precise limits on holding company growth. *American Electric Power Company, Inc.*, 46 S.E.C. 1299, 1307 (1978) (*AEP*). The Commission has rejected a mechanical size analysis under Section 10(b)(1) in favor of assessing the size of the resulting system as it relates to the efficiencies and economies that can be achieved through the integration and coordination of the new system s utility operations. *Entergy, supra* (rejecting conclusory assertions that the combined systems would be too large to satisfy [Section 10(b)(1)] and finding that merger created a large system, but not one that exceeds the economies of scale of current electrical generation and transmission technology.). Section 10(b)(1) allows the Commission to exercise its best judgment as to the maximum size of a holding company in a particular area, considering the state of the art and the area or region affected. *AEP, supra*. The Merger will not create a huge, complex and irrational system but, rather, will afford the opportunity to achieve economies of scale and efficiencies for the benefit of investors and consumers.

Post-Merger, Exelon will serve approximately 7 million electric customers and 2 million gas customers located primarily in three states. As of September 30, 2004, the combined consolidated assets of Exelon and PSEG totaled approximately \$81 billion and, for the nine months ended September 30, 2004, combined consolidated operating revenues totaled approximately \$19 billion. As of December 31, 2004, the combined owned generating capacity of Exelon and PSEG was approximately 40,363 MW.

The following table shows Exelon s relative size as compared to other registered systems in terms of assets, operating revenues and customers: ⁵⁷

			U.S. Electric
		Operating	
	Total Assets	Revenues	Customers
System	(\$ Millions)	(\$ Millions)	(Thousands)
E.ON AG	140,897	58,405	1,208
National Grid Transco plc	57,021	12,531	3,750
Dominion Resources Inc.	44,186	12,078	3,900
American Electric Power Co. Inc.	36,743	14,545	5,013
Southern Company	35,045	11,251	4,136
Exelon (pro forma)	80,865	25,86358	7,300

In *AEP*, the Commission noted that, although the framers of the Act were concerned about the evils of bigness, they were also aware that the combination of isolated local utilities into an integrated system afforded opportunities for economies of scale, the elimination of duplicate facilities and activities, the sharing of production capacity and reserves and generally more efficient operations... [and] [t]hey wished to preserve these opportunities. *AEP*, 46 S.E.C. at 1309. By virtue of the Merger, Exelon will be in a position to realize precisely these types of benefits. Among other things, the Merger is expected to yield operating cost savings, corporate and administrative savings and purchasing savings, among others. These expected economies and efficiencies from the combined utility operations are described in greater detail in Item 3.B.5 below.

 ⁵⁷ Data derived from U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Financial and Corporate Report, *Holding Companies*

Registered under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 as of June 1, 2004 (data provided is as of December 31, 2003); Exelon data from Unaudited Pro Forma Combined Condensed Financial Statements included in S-4 Registration Statement filed as Exhibit C hereto.

 ⁵⁸ Nine months ended September 30, 2004, Post-Merger Pro Forma annualized.

Nevertheless, the Generation Divestiture will reduce the size of the post-Merger Exelon by 6,600 MW further supporting the conclusion that the Generation Divestiture is necessary to establish that the Merger complies with the standards of the Act for purposes of making the findings necessary to satisfy Section 1081 of the Code.

(b) Concentration of Control.

The Commission s analysis under Section 10(b)(1) also includes a consideration of federal antitrust policies.

The proposed Merger will increase the total capacity of generation resources owned or controlled by Exelon. To ensure that the combined company does not have market power in any relevant market, Exelon and PSEG have proposed a comprehensive market power mitigation plan designed to address in full FERC s requirements for competitive markets. As part of the plan, the companies have proposed the Generation Divestiture as described in Item 1.H above.

The potential competitive concerns are being considered by other regulators, including the FERC and the Department of Justice. On July 1, 2005, the FERC issued the FERC Merger Order. In authorizing the Merger, the FERC began by stating that the FERC Merger Order benefits customers because it ensures that the transaction [i.e., the Merger as proposed], which includes mitigation of market effects through very substantial divestiture of generation, is consistent with the public interest as required by section 203 of the Federal Power Act. Among other things, the FERC Merger Order accepted the Mitigation Plan albeit subject to possible further enhancement: [A]t the end of the divestiture process Applicants must make a compliance filing in this docket and we will review the results to be sure that concentration in the affected markets is close to pre-merger levels. If the analysis shows that the merger s harm to competition has not been sufficiently mitigated, we will require additional mitigation at that time (FERC Merger Order, paragraph 128.)

Pursuant to the HSR Act, Exelon and PSEG have filed with the Antitrust Division Premerger Notification and Report Forms. See 16 C.F.R. Parts 801 through 803. The HSR Act prohibits consummation of the Merger until the statutory waiting period has expired or been terminated. The United States Department of Justice (DOJ) is continuing its review of potential market power issues associated with the Merger. The Applicants have responded to all outstanding DOJ requests for information.

In these circumstances, the Commission has found, and the courts have agreed, that it is appropriate for the Commission to look to the FERC s expertise in operating issues, in determining that the standards of Section 10(b)(1) are met. In this regard, the Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit has found:

[W]hen the SEC and another regulatory agency both have jurisdiction over a particular transaction, the SEC may watchfully defer[] to the proceedings held before and the result reached by that other agency. *Madison Gas & Electric Co. v. SEC*, 168 F.3d 1337, 1341-42 (D.C. 1999), *citing City of Holyoke Gas & Electric Department v. SEC*, 972 F.2d 358 (D.C. Cir. 1992) (dismissing challenge to order approving merger that asserted Commission could not rely on FERC and state review of competitive effects). Consistent with the foregoing, the Division in its 1995 Report on the Regulation of Public Utility Holding Companies (the 1995 Report) recommended that the SEC avoid duplicative review of acquisitions and, where possible, defer to the work of other regulators in reviewing acquisitions. 1995 Report at 66.

Madison Gas and *City of Holyoke* provide that the Commission has an obligation under section 10(b(1) to ensure that a merger will not have possible anti-competitive effects. The Commission may not approve a merger that would result in unmitigated anti-competitive effects. The Commission has recognized that FERC has greater expertise with

operations issues and is better capable of crafting mitigation conditions that will alleviate the risk of anti-competitive results from a merger. Northeast

Utilities, Holding Co, Act Release No. 25221 (Dec. 21, 1990), as modified, Holding Co. Act Release No. 25273 (Mar. 15, 1991), aff d sub nom. City of Holyoke v. SEC, 972 F.2d 358 (D.C. Cir. 1992). This recognition of and deferral to FERC expertise has been expressly approved by the courts in *Madison Gas* and *City Holyoke*. Thus, the Commission watchfully defers to the FERC and, in effect, imposes the same conditions to its approval of a merger as does FERC. The Commission need not institute duplicate proceedings to reach the same result that FERC has already reached.

Since FERC has ruled that the Merger would not satisfy anti-competitive concerns without the Generation Divestiture, the Commission may (and should) come to the same conclusion and find that it cannot approve the Merger without the Generation Divestiture, including any subsequent divestiture ordered by FERC as described above. Thus, the Commission should condition its order in the case, as it conditioned its order in Northeast Utilities, Holding Co. Act Release No 25221 (Dec. 21, 1990), as modified, Holding Co. Act Release No. 25273 (Mar. 15, 1991), aff d sub nom. City of Holyoke v. SEC, 972 F.2d 358 (D.C. Cir. 1992), on a requirement that Applicants must, under the Act, complete the Generation Divestiture in accordance with the FERC Merger Order and any subsequent order of FERC. Because the Generation Divestiture is thus necessary under the Act, it is appropriate for the Commission to make the Code Section 1081 findings described herein.

2. <u>Section 10(b)(2)</u>.

Section 10(b)(2) of the Act precludes approval of an acquisition if the consideration to be paid in connection with the Merger, including all fees, commissions and other remuneration, is not reasonable or does not bear a fair relation to the sums invested in or the earning capacity of the utility assets to be acquired or the utility assets underlying the securities to be acquired. The Commission has found persuasive evidence that the standards of Section 10(b)(2) are satisfied where, as here, the agreed upon consideration for an acquisition is the result of arms-length negotiations between the managements of the companies involved, supported by an opinion of a financial advisor. *See Entergy Corp.*, 51 S.E.C. 869, 879 (1993); *Southern Company*, Holding Co. Act Release No. 24579 (Feb. 12, 1988).

The consideration paid in the Merger is reasonable for several reasons.

First, the former PSEG shareholders will hold about 32% and the Exelon shareholders will hold approximately 68% of the shares of Exelon following the Merger.

Second, as explained in the joint proxy statement/prospectus (included in Exhibit C hereto) (the Joint Proxy Statement), the historical price data for Exelon and PSEG common stock provide support for the consideration of 1.225 shares of Exelon common stock for each share of PSEG common stock.

Third, the merger consideration is the product of extensive and vigorous arm s-length negotiations between Exelon and PSEG. These negotiations were preceded by extensive due diligence, analysis and evaluation of the assets, liabilities and business prospects of each of the respective companies. This process is described in Background of the Merger in the Joint Proxy Statement. As recognized by the Commission in Ohio Power Co., Holding Co. Act Release No. 16753 (June 8, 1970), prices arrived at through arms-length negotiations are particularly persuasive evidence that Section 10(b)(2) is satisfied.

Fourth, nationally recognized independent investment bankers have reviewed extensive information concerning Exelon and PSEG, analyzed the merger consideration employing a variety of valuation methodologies, and ultimately opined that the merger consideration is fair to the respective holders of Exelon common stock and PSEG common stock. The investment bankers analyses are described in detail and their opinions are included in full in the Joint Proxy Statement. The assistance of independent consultants in setting consideration has been recognized by the Commission as evidence that the requirements of Section 10(b)(2) have been met.

Finally, the share issuance has been submitted for approval by the Exelon shareholders and the Merger for approval by the PSEG shareholders, providing additional assurance that the prices paid are reasonable.

Another consideration under Section 10(b)(2) is the overall fees, commissions and expenses to be incurred in connection with the Merger. Exelon believes that the Merger costs will be reasonable and fair in light of the size and complexity of the proposed Merger, and that the anticipated benefits of the Merger to the public, investors and consumers. *See, e.g., Entergy Corp.*, 51 S.E.C. at 881, n. 63 (fees and expenses of \$38 million, representing approximately 2% of the value of the consideration paid to the shareholders of Gulf States Utilities); *Northeast Utilities*, Holding Co. Act Release No. 25548 (June 3, 1992) (fees and expenses of approximately 2% of the value of the assets to be acquired); and *American Electric Power Company, Inc.*, Holding Company Act Release No. 27186 (June 14, 2000) at n. 40 (total fees, commissions and expenses of approximately \$72.7 million, representing 1.1% of the value of the total consideration paid by American Electric Power to the shareholders of Central and South West Corp.).

The total expenses of the Merger are approximately \$70 million (\$41 million for Exelon and \$55 million for PSEG) which constitute about one half of one percent of the value of the consideration paid by Exelon in the Merger. 59

Pursuant to an engagement letter dated October 26, 2004, Exelon has agreed to pay JPMorgan a fee of \$15 million in consideration for its services as financial advisor, \$5 million of which was paid following the public announcement of the execution of the Merger Agreement, \$5 million of which was payable upon approval of the issuance of shares of Exelon common stock as contemplated by the Merger Agreement by Exelon shareholders and \$5 million of which is payable upon completion of the Merger. Pursuant to an engagement letter dated November 5, 2004, Exelon has agreed to pay Lehman Brothers a fee of \$15 million in consideration for its services as financial advisor, \$5 million of which was due upon the public announcement of the execution of the Merger Agreement, \$5 million of which was payable upon approval of the issuance of shares of Exelon common stock as contemplated by the Merger Agreement of the Merger Agreement, \$5 million of which was due upon the public announcement of the execution of the Merger Agreement, \$5 million of which was payable upon approval of the issuance of shares of Exelon common stock as contemplated by the Merger Agreement by Exelon shareholders and \$5 million of which was payable upon approval of the issuance of shares of Exelon common stock as contemplated by the Merger Agreement by Exelon shareholders and \$5 million of which is payable upon approval of the issuance of shares of Exelon common stock as contemplated by the Merger Agreement by Exelon shareholders and \$5 million of which is payable upon completion of the Merger.

Pursuant to an engagement letter dated November 8, 2004, PSEG has agreed to pay Morgan Stanley a fee of \$20 million in consideration for its services as financial advisor, \$5 million of which was paid following the public announcement of the execution of the Merger Agreement, \$5 million of which was payable upon PSEG shareholder approval of the Merger Agreement and \$10 million of which is payable upon completion of the Merger.

3. <u>Section 10(b)(3)</u>.

Section 10(b)(3) requires the Commission to determine whether the Merger will unduly complicate the capital structure or be detrimental to the public interest or the interest of investors or consumers or the proper functioning of the Exelon system.

The capital structure of the Exelon system will not change materially as a result of the Merger. In the Merger, Exelon will acquire 100% of the issued and outstanding common stock of PSE&G. Hence, the Merger will not create any publicly-held minority stock interest in the voting securities of any public utility company. The outstanding debt securities and preferred stock of PSE&G will also remain as outstanding obligations of PSE&G and will not be recourse to Exelon or any other company in the Exelon system.

The capital structures of Exelon and PSEG and the pro forma consolidated capital structure of Exelon are set forth in Item 1 hereof.

As those tables show, Exelon s pro forma consolidated common equity to total capitalization ratio of 42.89% will comfortably exceed the traditionally acceptable 30% level. *See Northeast Utilities*, 50

⁵⁹ The value of the consideration, \$12,629 million, is taken from the pro forma financial statements in the Joint Proxy Statement.

S.E.C. at 440, n. 47. Common equity as a percentage of capitalization of each of the Utility Subsidiaries, other than PECO, is and will remain well over 30%.⁶⁰

Section 10(b)(3) also requires the Commission to determine whether the proposed combination will be detrimental to the public interest, the interests of investors or consumers or the proper functioning of the combined Exelon system. The proposed combination of Exelon and PSEG is entirely consistent with the proper functioning of a registered holding company system. Exelon s and PSEG s electric utility operations are contiguous and interconnected and will be operated as a single interconnected and coordinated electric utility system following the Merger. Likewise, Exelon s existing gas utility operations and PSE&G s gas operations, which serve Pennsylvania and New Jersey, will be an integrated gas utility system as described *infra* following the Merger.

The Merger will result in substantial, and otherwise unavailable, savings and benefits to the public and to consumers and investors of both companies. Moreover, the Merger is subject to review by the PAPUC and the NJBPU, as well as the FERC, and notice has been given to the ICC, all of which ensures that the interests of customers will be adequately protected. For these reasons, Exelon believes that the Merger will be in the public interest and the interest of investors and consumers and will not be detrimental to the proper functioning of the resulting holding company system.

4. <u>Section 10(c)(1)</u>.

(a) The Merger Will be Lawful Under Section 8.

Section 10(c)(1) first requires that the Merger be lawful under Section 8. That section was intended to prevent holding companies, by the use of separate subsidiaries, from circumventing state restrictions on common ownership of gas and electric operations. The Merger will not result in any new situation of common ownership of so-called combination systems within a given state. PSE&G already provides electric and gas service in overlapping areas of New Jersey. Moreover, the NJBPU has jurisdiction over the Merger. Accordingly, the Merger does not raise any issue under Section 8.

(b) <u>The Merger Will Not be Detrimental to Carrying Out the Provisions of Section 11</u>.

Section 10(c)(1) also requires that the Merger not be detrimental to the carrying out of the provisions of section 11. Section 11(b)(1), in turn, directs the Commission generally to limit a registered holding company to a single integrated public utility system, either electric or gas. An exception to this requirement, as discussed below, is provided in Section 11(b)(1)(A) (C) (the ABC clauses), which permits a registered holding company to retain one or more additional (i.e., secondary) integrated public utility systems if the system satisfies the criteria of the ABC clauses.

In the 2000 Merger Order, the Commission determined that Exelon s primary system, comprised of the electric utility facilities of ComEd and PECO, constitutes an integrated electric utility system; and that the gas utility properties of PECO constitute an integrated gas utility system that is retainable under the standards of the ABC clauses. At issue in this proceeding is whether Exelon s acquisition of PSE&G, which operates as both an electric and gas utility in New Jersey, will result in a system that is detrimental to the carrying out of the provisions of section 11.

 As noted in the 2004 Financing Order, PECO has common equity of less than 30% when including securitization and the effects of a receivable contribution (as described in File No. 70-10189) but Exelon anticipates that PECO s common equity ratio will continue to improve and that PECO will reach a level of common equity of at least 30% of capitalization by December 31, 2010 (at which time all securitization bonds are expected to be retired and therefore will not be a consideration in the calculation). At December 31, 2004, PECO s common equity was 21% of total capitalization calculated in accordance with GAAP and was 66% excluding securitization and the effects of the receivable contribution.

As explained more fully below, the combination of the electric utility operations of the Utility Subsidiaries will result in a single, integrated electric utility system. In addition, the combination of PSE&G s gas utility properties with those of PECO will comprise an integrated gas utility system that may be retained by Exelon as an additional system under the ABC clauses of Section 11(b)(1).

These standards are addressed below.

(i) Integration of Electric Operations.

The threshold question is whether the electric utility properties of the Utility Subsidiaries will form a single integrated public utility system, which, as applied to electric utility companies, is defined in Section 2(a)(29)(A) to mean:

a system consisting of one or more units of generating plants and/or transmission lines and/or distributing facilities, whose utility assets, whether owned by one or more electric utility companies, are physically interconnected or capable of physical interconnection and which under normal conditions may be economically operated as a single interconnected and coordinated system confined in its operations to a single area or region, in one or more States, not so large as to impair (considering the state of the art and the area or region affected) the advantages of localized management, efficient operation, and the effectiveness of regulation.

The Commission has interpreted this provision to establish four separate requirements for integration, as applied to an electric system: physical interconnection; coordination; limitation to a single area or region; and no impairment of localized management, efficient operation, and the effectiveness of regulation. See *National Rural Electric Cooperative Association v. Securities and Exchange Commission*, 276 F.3d 609 at 611 (D.C. Cir. 2002). The combined electric utility operations will satisfy each of these tests.

A. Interconnection

The first requirement for an integrated electric utility system is that the electric generation and/or transmission and/or distribution facilities comprising the system be physically interconnected or capable of physical interconnection. As found by the Commission in the PJM Order, electric properties within PJM are physically interconnected through PJM. In addition, the electric facilities and retail service areas of PSE&G and the Exelon Utility Subsidiaries are adjacent and their facilities are interconnected at numerous points (*see* Exhibit E-1). Under traditional analysis, this fact alone satisfies the interconnection requirement. *See e.g., Energy East*, Holding Company Act Release No. 27546 (June 27, 2002).

B. Coordination.

Historically, the Commission has interpreted the requirement that an integrated electric system be economically operated under normal conditions as a single interconnected and coordinated system to refer to the physical operation of utility assets as a system in which, among other things, the generation and/or flow of current within the system may be centrally controlled and allocated as need or economy directs. *See, e.g., Conectiv, Inc.*, Holding Co. Act Release No. 26832 (Feb. 25, 1998), citing *The North American Company*, 11 S.E.C. 194, 242 (1942), *aff d*, 133 F.2d 148 (2d Cir. 1943), *aff d on constitutional issues*, 327 U.S. 686 (1946). The Commission has noted that, through this standard,

Congress intended that the utility properties be so connected and operated that there is coordination among all parts, and that those parts bear an integral operating relationship to one another. *See Cities Service Co.*, 14 S.E.C. 28 at 55 (1943). Traditionally, the most obvious indicia of coordinated operations was the ability to jointly dispatch all system generating units automatically on an economic basis in order to achieve the lowest overall cost of electricity. As noted in the PJM Order, the facilities of PJM members are subject to the control of a single operator, PJM: As the single control operator, PJM exercises functional control, including centralized dispatch of generation, over a contiguous, interconnected electric transmission system that encompasses the operations of its members, including PECO and ComEd. Of course, PSE&G is also a member of PJM and accordingly the analysis of the PJM Order applies equally to the post-Merger Exelon system.

Under Section 2(a)(29)(A), the Commission must also find that the resulting interconnected and coordinated system may be economically operated. This calls for a determination that coordinated operation of the combined company s facilities is likely to produce economies and efficiencies. The question of whether a combined system will be economically operated under Section 10(c)(2) and Section 2(a)(29)(A) was addressed by the U.S. Court of Appeals in *Madison Gas and Electric Company v. SEC*, 168 F.3d 1337 (D.C. Cir. 1999). In that case, the court determined that in analyzing whether a system will be economically coordinated, the focus must be on whether the acquisition as a whole will tend toward efficiency and economy. *Id.* at 1341. As discussed below, the Merger will meet this standard.

In short, all aspects of the combined system will be centrally directed and efficiently planned and coordinated. As with other utility combinations approved by the Commission, the combined system will be capable of being economically operated as a single interconnected and coordinated system as demonstrated by the variety of means through which its operations will be coordinated and the efficiencies and economies expected to be realized by the proposed Merger.

C. Single Area or Region.

As required by Section 2(a)(29)(A), the electric utility operations of Exelon following the Merger will be confined to a single area or region in one or more States, all within PJM. *See, e.g., Pepco Holding, Inc.*, Holding Co. Act Release No. 27553 (July 24, 2002) (the high degree of operational coordination and energy trading that occurs within the PJM RTO demonstrate that the mid-Atlantic U.S. is a single area or region in both operational and economic terms). The Commission should find, based on the PJM Order and the facts presented herein, that the territories of ComEd, PECO and PSE&G also constitute a single area or region in both operational and economic terms. D. Size.

The final clause of Section 2(a)(29)(A) requires the Commission to look to the size of the combined system (considering the state of the art and the area or region affected) and its effect upon localized management, efficient operation, and the effectiveness of regulation. In the instant matter, these standards are easily met.

Size A core concept in the definition of an integrated public-utility system is that a system not be so large as to impair (considering the state of the art and the area or region affected) ... the effectiveness of regulation, section 2(a)(29)(A). As explained in greater detail in the FERC Merger proceedings, the Merger would, absent mitigation measures, raise significant market power issues. Market power is the ability of a firm to profitably maintain prices above competitive levels for a significant period of time. An undue concentration of market power could impair

effective regulation by FERC and the states. Market power analysis of a merger proposal examines whether or not a merger would cause either a material increase in the merging firms market power or a significant reduction in the competitiveness of relevant markets. The focus of such analysis is on the effects of the merger, which means that the merger analysis examines the business areas in which the merging firms are competitors. This is referred to as the

horizontal market power assessment. Under FERC procedures and policies for analyzing and assessing horizontal market power, the focus is on market share (measured in controlled megawatts) as a percentage of total in-market megawatts. In its Revised Filing Requirements, the FERC established an analytic approach (the so-called Appendix A screen analysis) to the assessment of market power impacts from proposed public utility mergers. Exelon and PSEG have proposed the Generation Divestiture as a means of mitigating the market power effects of the Merger.

Mitigation of anti-competitive effects on the efficient operation of energy markets is a central goal of energy regulatory initiatives by both federal and state regulators (including Illinois, Pennsylvania and New Jersey). In the context of the proposed Merger, the Generation Divestiture is targeted to enhance (and not just leave unimpaired) the effectiveness of regulation. The FERC Merger Order created the possibility of additional divestitures in the event that, notwithstanding the Generation Divestiture, the FERC determines that market power issues continue to exist. Whether it is the Generation Divestiture alone, or the Generation Divestiture followed by further FERC-ordered divestitures, the purpose and effect of the divestiture will be to right-size the generation fleet of the combined companies to enhance the

effectiveness of regulation as required by Section 11(b)(1). The Commission can, and should, condition its approval of the Merger on Applicants compliance with the FERC Merger Order and any subsequent divestitures ordered by FERC in order to comply with market power issues in consequence of the Merger.⁶¹

Localized Management Although PSE&G will necessarily come under new holding company management as a result of the Merger, it will continue to exist as a separate legal entity. PSE&G will continue to be headquartered in Newark, and the utility will continue to operate through regional offices with local service centers and line crews available to respond to customers needs.

This operational structure, which is similar to that currently in place at ComEd and PECO, will permit the local, district and regional management teams of PSE&G to budget for operation of the electric distribution system and to schedule work forces in order to provide the same (or better) quality of service to customers of PSE&G. In short, PSE&G will continue to be managed on a day-to-day basis at a local level, particularly in areas that must be responsive to local needs. Accordingly, the advantages of localized management will not be impaired.

Efficient Operation As discussed below in the analysis of Section 10(c)(2), the Merger will result in greater economies and efficiencies. Operations will be more efficiently performed on a centralized basis because of economies of scale, standardized operating and maintenance practices and closer coordination of system-wide matters.

Effective Regulation The Merger will not impair the effectiveness of regulation at either the state or federal level. PSE&G will continue to be regulated by the NJBPU with respect to retail rates, service, securities issuances and other matters, and by FERC with respect to interstate electric sales for resale and transmission services. (ii) Integration of Gas Operations.

The gas utility properties of PSE&G, when added to those owned by PECO, will form an integrated gas utility system, which is defined in Section 2(a)(29)(B) to mean:

a system consisting of one or more gas utility companies which are so located and related that substantial economies may be effectuated by being operated as a single coordinated system confined in its operations to a single area or region, in one or more States, not so large as to impair (considering the state of the art and the area or region affected) the advantages of localized management, efficient operation, and the effectiveness of regulation: provided, that gas utility companies deriving natural gas from a common source of supply may be deemed to be included in a single area or region. ⁶²

Thus, the definition of an integrated gas utility system has three distinct parts, each of which will be satisfied in this case.

A. Coordination.

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In order to find coordination among the gas utility companies in the same holding company system, the Commission has historically focused primarily on the operating economies that may be effectuated through coordinated management of gas supply portfolios (i.e., gas purchase arrangements,

Cf. Northeast Utilities, Holding Co. Act Release No. 25273 (March 15, 1991) (conditioning Commisison approval upon receipt of final FERC order under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act).

62 In the alternative, the Commission could find that each of the PECO and PSE&G gas systems is an integrated public-utility system and that the PSE&G gas operations are a retainable additional system under the standards of Section 11.

transportation agreements, and storage assets), the access of the gas utility companies in the same holding company system to common market and supply-area hubs, the functional merger of separate gas supply departments under common management, and sharing of data management software systems. *See NIPSCO Industries, Inc.*, 53 S.E.C. 1296 at 1306-1309 (1999); *New Century Enterprises, Inc.*, Holding Co. Act Release No. 27212 (Aug. 16, 2000).

As discussed further in Item 2.B.5, below, Applicants state that the Merger will produce significant benefits to the public, investors and consumers. Applicants expect that the Merger will enable them to take advantage of future strategic opportunities in the increasingly competitive and rapidly evolving markets for energy and energy services in the United States. In particular, Applicants believe that the combined companies will be better positioned to take advantage of operating economies and efficiencies. Although PECO and PSE&G will continue to conduct their gas distribution operations through their respective corporate entities, and do not currently plan to combine gas supply operations, the systems nonetheless will be operated as a single coordinated system.

In 2004, Exelon BSC reorganized and expanded its Energy Delivery Shared Services (EDSS) business unit. EDSS now houses employees who provide executive or centralized management services to ComEd and PECO (but not to Exelon, Exelon Generation or Enterprises), or whose duties include performing work on both ComEd and PECO projects. At that time, each of the major operating areas of the utilities assumed a new consolidated structure, with a single management team overseeing both ComEd and PECO functions. This structure focuses on the standardization of electric utility processes across both companies and the achievement of synergies through consolidation of common functions. Numerous operational and administrative and general functions overseen by EDSS management are applied at PECO across both electric and gas operations. These include policies and practices, training and methods, contractor and supply management, call center dispatch, financial planning and accounting services, construction services and vehicle services, among others. Applicants expect that post-Merger, this model will be expanded to include PSE&G s gas as well as electric utility operations. Thus, EDSS will house employees who will perform work on behalf of both the PECO and the PSE&G gas systems. In this way, EDSS will coordinate the management of the two gas systems in areas such as executive services, asset management, customer service and marketing services, support services and business operations. With respect to business operations, as the PSE&G and PECO gas systems share many common features, (e.g. percentage of cast iron, steel and plastic pipes that make up the infrastructure) coordination can also be achieved by the use of common Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) approaches and monitoring of pressures and flows at all of the points at which PSE&G and PECO take gas off the interstate pipeline systems; the use of common system design standards and criteria, the development of common material specifications to improve procurement processes and reduce costs and sharing of best work practices and the use of a common work management system. Further, PSE&G and PECO s systems are both subject to the same federal standards with respect to construction, operation and maintenance which results in opportunities for further coordination and efficiencies.

With regard to natural gas service itself, a significant amount of the gas distributed by PECO and PSE&G is purchased from the same supply basins in Texas and Louisiana, and is transported on the Texas Eastern and Transcontinental pipelines, and is stored in common storage areas owned by those and other pipelines (e.g. Dominion, Equitrans). These common portfolio resources should bring long-term benefits to the companies customers. Moreover, as the dynamics and structure of the natural gas industry continue to change, the marketplace will create even more options for the companies to create value through coordination of their respective gas supply portfolios. ⁶³ B. Single Area or Region.

⁶³ Although PSEG ER&T currently procures the natural gas supply and manages pipeline capacity and gas storage services for the PSE&G gas system, and PECO performs these functions itself, as noted above, the source of supply, pipelines and location of storage for the two systems overlap to a large extent.

The combined gas system of PECO and PSE&G will also be confined to a single area or region in New Jersey and southeastern Pennsylvania.

C. Size.

For the same reasons given above in connection with the discussion of impacts of the Merger on the combined electric system, localized management, efficient operation, and the effectiveness of regulation will not be impaired by the resulting size of the integrated gas utility system.

(iii) Retention of Combined Gas System.

As indicated, under the ABC clauses of Section 11(b)(1), a registered holding company can own one or more additional integrated public utility systems if certain conditions are met. Specifically, the Commission must find that (A) the additional system cannot be operated as an independent system without the loss of substantial economies which can be secured by the retention of control by such holding company of such system, (B) the additional system is located in one state or adjoining states, and (C) the combination of systems under the control of a single holding company is not so large . . . as to impair the advantages of localized management, efficient operation, or the effectiveness of regulation.

A. Loss of Economies.

Clause A requires a showing that each additional integrated system (in this case, the integrated gas utility system formed by combining the operations of PECO and PSE&G) cannot be operated as an independent system without the loss of substantial economies which can be secured by the retention of control by a holding company of such system. Historically, the Commission has considered four ratios as a guide to determining whether lost economies would be

substantial under Section 11(b)(1)(A). Specifically, the Commission has considered the estimated loss of economies expressed in terms of the ratio of increased expenses to the system s total operating revenues, operating revenue deductions, gross income and net income. *See Engineers Public Service Co.*, 12 SEC 41 (1942), *rev d on other grounds and remanded*, 138 F. 2d 936 (DC Cir. 1943), *vacated as moot*, 332 US 788 (1947) (*Engineers*), and *New England Electric System*, 41 S.E.C. 888, 893 899 (1964). In *Engineers*, the Commission suggested that cost increases resulting in a 6.78% loss of operating revenues, a 9.72% increase in operating revenue deductions, a 25.44% loss of gross income, and 42.46% loss of net income would afford an impressive basis for finding a loss of substantial economies associated with a divestiture. 12 SEC at 59. More recently, the Commission has indicated that it will no longer require a comparison of resulting loss ratios to those in earlier cases. *See CP&L Energy, Inc.*, Holding Co. Act Release No. 27284 (Nov. 27, 2000), fn. 40.

In its early decisions, the Commission considered the increases in operational expenses that were anticipated upon divestiture, but also took into account, as offsetting benefits, the significant competitive advantages that were perceived to flow from a separation of gas and electric operations. The Commission s assumption was that a combination of gas and electric operations is typically disadvantageous to the gas operations and, hence, the public interest and the interests of investors and consumers would be benefited by a separation of gas from the electric operations. In more recent cases, however, the Commission has recognized that the historical ratios may not provide an adequate indication of the substantial loss of economies that may occur by forcing a separation of electric and gas. Specifically, beginning with its decision in New Century Energies, Inc., 53 S.E.C. 54 (1997), the Commission took notice of the changing circumstances in today s electric and gas industries, notably the increasing convergence of the electric and gas industries. The Commission concluded that, in these circumstances, separation of gas and electric businesses may cause the separated entities to be weaker competitors than they would be together. This factor adds to the quantifiable loss of economies caused by increased costs. 53 S.E.C. at 76. This view was repeated in subsequent cases, including the 2000 Merger Order and WPL Holdings, Inc., 53 S.E.C. 501 (1997). The Commission has also recognized that revenue enhancement opportunities and other benefits likely to be realized from a convergence merger would be diminished or lost if the Commission forced a divestiture of the additional system. See SCANA Corp., Holding Co. Act Release No. 27133 (Feb. 9, 2000); and Northeast Utilities, Holding Co. Act Release No. 27127 (Jan. 31, 2000).

The Commission in the 2000 Merger Order found that the PECO gas utility operations constituted a permissible additional integrated public utility system.

The Applicants have commissioned a study that analyzes the lost economies that the combined gas utility operations would suffer if Exelon could not retain them (the Gas Study ⁶. Among other things, divestiture of the gas operations would cause consumers to forfeit the cost-saving benefits that they may obtain from Exelon s ability to offer a complete package of energy products and services.

The 2000 Merger Order noted the Commission s policy determination that significant economies and competitive advantages inure in the ownership of both gas and electric operations.⁶⁵ Besides the loss of these inherent economies, other substantial economies would be lost by the separation of the gas operations from the Exelon electric system. These lost economies would include decreased efficiencies from separate meter reading, meter testing and billing operations; expenses for duplicative customer service operations; plus a loss of savings due to the inability to exploit synergies in areas such as facilities maintenance, emergency work coordination and other administrative operations. A final consideration is that the electric and gas operations of PSE&G have long been under its control. The Merger will not alter the status quo with respect to these operations.⁶⁶ Further, the Merger will be subject to review by the PAPUC, which has jurisdiction over PECO, and the NJBPU, which has jurisdiction over PSE&G.

B. Same State or Adjoining States.

The proposed Merger does not raise any issue under Section 11(b)(1)(B) of the Act, as the gas utility properties are located and operate exclusively in adjoining states, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Thus, the requirement that each additional system be located in one State or adjoining States is satisfied. ⁶⁷

C. Size.

Further, retention of the combined gas utility business does not raise any issues under Section 11(b)(1)(C) of the Act. ⁶⁸ The combination of both electric and gas utility systems under the control of a single holding company will be

not so large . . . as to impair the advantages of localized management, efficient operation, or the effectiveness of regulation. As the Commission has recognized, the determinative consideration is not size alone or size in an absolute sense, either big or small, but size in relation to its effect, if any, non-localized management, efficient operation and effective regulation. From these perspectives, it is clear that the continued ownership of the combined gas system by Exelon is not too large.

As of December 31, 2004, and giving effect to the Merger, the combined gas utility operations would represent only about 11% of Exelon s post-Merger gross utility plant, and only about 14% of Exelon s post-Merger net operating revenues.

⁶⁴ See Exhibit G-9

hereto. The study also analyzes the effects of divestiture if the PSE&G gas operations were treated as a separate integrated public-utility system.

⁶⁵ 2000 Merger Order, *citing WPL Holdings*, *Inc.*, Holding

No. 26856 (Apr. 14, 1998), aff d, Madison Gas and Electric Co. v. SEC, 972 F.2d 358 (D.C. Cir. 1992); TUC Holding Co., Holding Co. Act Release No. 26749 (Aug. 1, 1997); and New Century Energies, Inc., 53 S.E.C. 54 (1997). 66 See New Century Energies, Inc., 53 S.E.C. 54 (1997). 67 This standard would similarly be satisfied if the PSE&G gas operations were treated as a separate integrated public-utility system. 68 This standard would similarly be satisfied if the PSE&G gas operations were treated as a separate integrated public-utility system.

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The local operations of PSE&G will continue to be handled from PSE&G s local operations centers, with supplemental support provided by other Exelon system companies with personnel and other resources in close proximity. Thus, the advantages of localized management will be preserved.

(iv) Retention of PSEG s Non-Utility Interests.

Section 11(b)(1) permits a registered holding company to retain such other businesses as are reasonably incidental, or economically necessary or appropriate, to the operations of [an] integrated public utility system. The Commission has historically interpreted this provision to require an operating or functional relationship between the non-utility activity and the system s core utility business. *See, e.g. Michigan Consolidated Gas Co.*, 44 S.E.C. 361 (1970), *aff d*, 444 F.2d 913 (D.C. Cir. 1971); *United Light and Railways Co.*, 35 S.E.C. 516 (1954); *CSW Credit, Inc.*, 51 S.E.C. 984 (Mar. 2, 1994); and *Jersey Central Power and Light Co.*, Holding Co. Act Release No. 24348 (Mar. 18, 1987).

In addition, the Commission has permitted new registered holding companies to retain passive investments which, although not meeting the functional relationship test, could nevertheless be acquired under the standards of Section 9(c)(3) of the Act.

Exhibit G-7 lists and describes those non-utility businesses conducted by PSEG and its subsidiary companies. As a result of the Merger, those non-utility businesses and interests will become businesses and interests of Exelon. Except as discussed therein, these non-utility interests are fully retainable by Exelon under the Act.

In previous matters, including the 2000 Merger Order, the Commission determined it was appropriate to exclude from the computation of aggregate investment for purposes of Rule 58 investments made at a time the company was not part of a registered holding company system.⁶⁹ See also New Century Energies, supra. In this matter as well, Applicants ask the Commission to confirm that pre-existing investments by PSEG and its subsidiaries in

energy-related companies prior to the effective date of Rule 58 will not count in the calculation of the 15% limitation for purposes of the safe harbor under Rule 58.

(v) Post-Merger Corporate Structure: The Intermediate Holding Company

Section 11(b)(2) of the Act requires the Commission to ensure that the corporate structure or continued existence of any company in the holding company system does not unduly or unnecessarily complicate the structure, or unfairly or inequitably distribute voting power among security holders, of the holding company system. Section 11(b)(2) also directs the Commission to require each registered system company to take such action as the Commission shall find necessary in order that such holding company shall cease to be a holding company with respect to each of its subsidiary companies which itself has a subsidiary company which is a holding company, in other words, to eliminate great-grandfather holding companies.

Post-Merger, there will be one instance of a great-grandfather holding company, the continued existence of which the Commission approved in the 2000 Merger Order. Exelon, through Delivery, owns substantially all of the outstanding common stock of ComEd (*see* note 7) which, in turn, is a holding company for the Indiana Company. The Indiana Company has no retail customers and owns only transmission facilities with a depreciated book value at December 31, 2004 of only \$7.4 million. The operation of the Indiana Company s transmission facilities is subject to the control of PJM. Accordingly, the Indiana Company has virtually no business operations with outside third parties. As noted in the 2000 Merger Order:

⁶⁹ The safe harbor under Rule 58 is available so long as, among other things, a registered holding company s aggregate investment in energy-related companies does not exceed 15% of the consolidated capitalization of the registered holding company.

We do not believe in any event that the proposed corporate structure of the Exelon system implicates the abuses that section 11(b)(2) of the Act was intended to prevent. These abuses, facilitated by the pyramiding of holding company groups, involved the diffusion of control and the creation of different classes of debt or stock with unequal voting rights. Those abuses are not at issue in this matter.

With respect to the Delivery chain, only the presence of the Indiana Company raises an issue under section 11(b)(2). The Indiana Company has no retail customers and holds only a very small amount of transmission assets directly related to the distribution business of ComEd. . . . [T]he Indiana Company has been in existence for decades and federal and state regulators have perceived no abuses in the arrangement.

We think that it is appropriate to look through the intermediate holding companies (or to treat them as a single company) for purposes of the analysis under section 11(b)(2) of the Act. Accordingly, we do not find it necessary to require the elimination of the intermediate holding companies to ensure that the corporate structure of the Exelon system or continued existence of any system company does not unduly or unnecessarily complicate the structure of the Exelon system.

5. <u>Section 10(c)(2)</u>.

The Merger will serve the public interest by tending toward the economical and efficient development of an integrated public utility system, and therefore will satisfy the requirements of Section 10(c)(2) of the Act.

The proposed Merger will create the nation s premier utility company, with over seven million electric customers and two million gas customers in three states. By sharing resources and best practices, the proposed Merger will enhance operations across the Exelon system and strengthen Exelon s ability post-Merger to provide cost-effective, safe and reliable service. The Merger will result in numerous economies and efficiencies within the meaning of the Act: